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*The Honorable J. James Exon
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Dear Governor Exon:

Pursuant to Section 68-703 of the Reissue Revised Statutes of 1943, we are submitting to you the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Nebraska State Department of Public Welfare for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. This report summarizes the Department's activities during the fiscal year.

My sincere appreciation for the outstanding assistance and support in the affairs of the Department of Public Welfare is expressed to the Governor, members of the Legislature, Advisory Committee members, the County Director's Program Committee members, and the Staff and employees of the State and County Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Alan H. Ihms". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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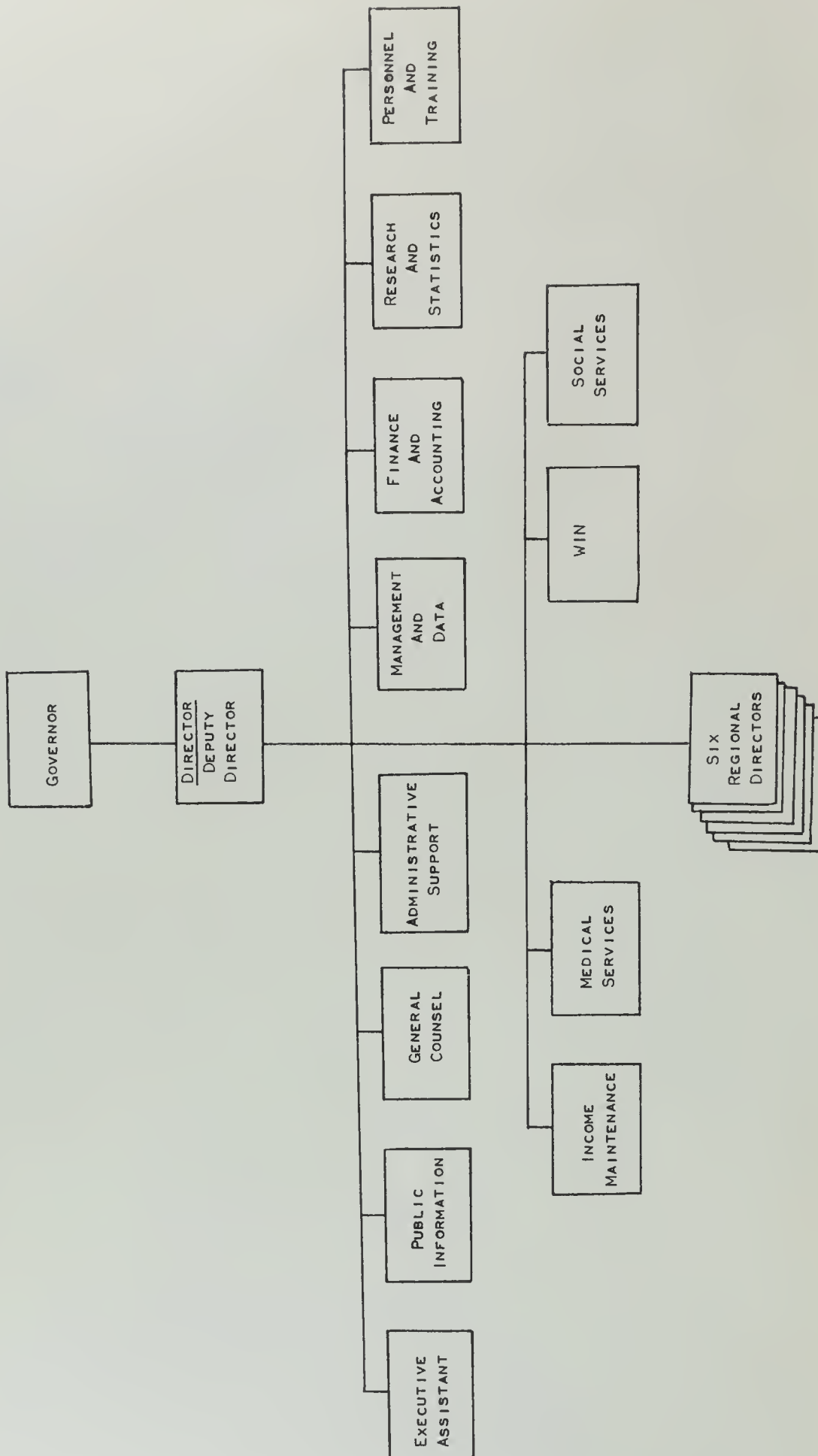


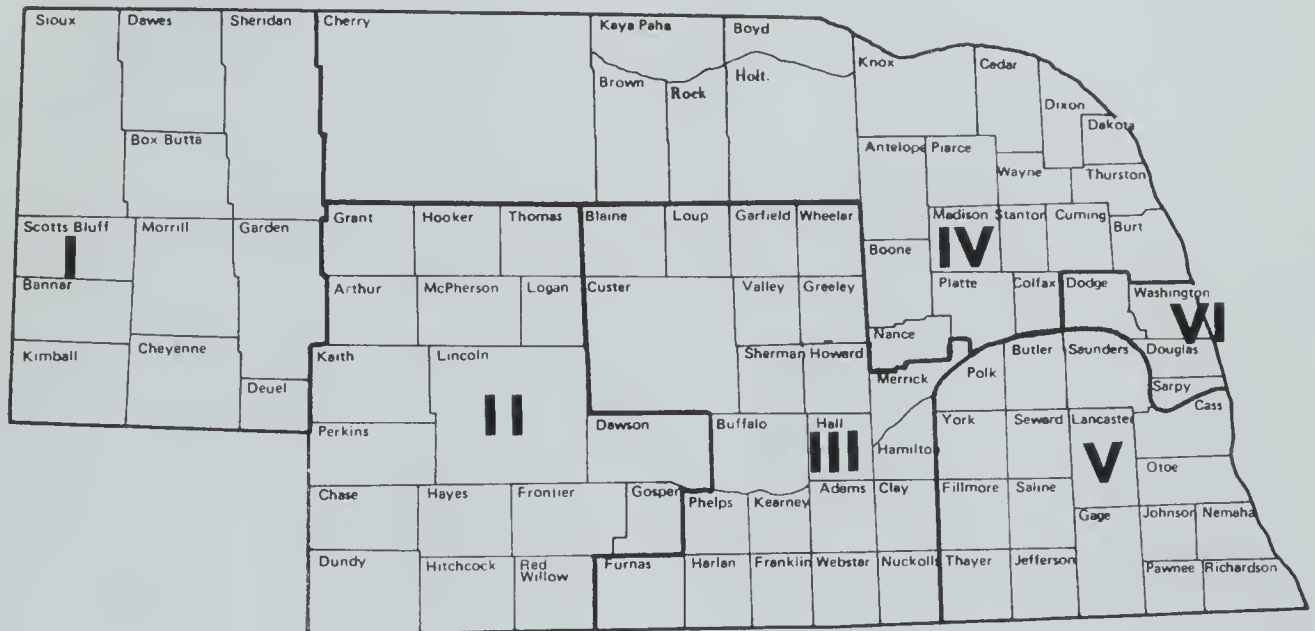
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OVERVIEW

The State Department of Public Welfare is responsible for insuring that all applicants/recipients receive authorized financial assistance, medical assistance, and social services in the most effective and economical manner. To carry out this responsibility the department is organized into central office, six regional offices, 93 county offices and eight multi-county units.



The 1974-1975 fiscal year was a year of many changes and accomplishments. These changes occurred in legislative areas, programmatic areas as well as procedural areas. The major events of the fiscal year are recapped below in Year at a Glance.

Year at a Glance

- Completion of Consolidated Grant Study
- An increase in ADC maximums
- An increase in ADC standards
- Title IV-D - Child Support bill enacted
- Formulation of Title XX - Nebraska Social Services Plan
- Utilization of an MBO (Management by Objectives) Program
- Implementation of Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect
- Implementation of a social services vendor-payment system and service plan file
- Implementation of a service-vendor certification process
- Unborn children eligibility for Public Assistance under LB 397
- Quality Control in Food Stamps

- Error Rate reduction in ADC - Quality Control
- Mental Retardation study completion
- Implementation of uniform budgeting for Foster Care cases, regionalization of the Foster Care
- Implementation of uniform budgeting for Foster Care cases, regionalization of the Foster Care program, and an increase in payments for Foster Care State Wards.
- Completion of major components of the Social Services Information System (SSIS)
- First in-depth orientation program for new workers
- Emphasis on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program and on third party liability
- The MEDICAID Management Information System achieved program cost avoidance that exceeded MMIS FY 1975 developmental and production costs
- A medical provider data base was developed and implemented which replaced NDPW's former MEDICAID vendor file.
- BENDEX reports were redesigned for County Office use as the primary source for social security income verification (monthly tape exchange SSA/Nebraska) and source for recipient budget computations
- Quality Control computer support was developed and extended for the Medicaid, AFDC, and Food Stamp Programs
- Implementation of Quarterly check stuffer to enable clients to report changes in income

It is obvious by the list above that the 1974-1975 fiscal year was in fact a very busy and productive year. Three areas which require special emphasis for progress shown during the fiscal year are the development of the Social Services Information System (SSIS), expansion of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), and improvements in the ADC Quality Control Program.

Looking at the 1975-1976 fiscal year, it promises to be equally progressive. The Department expects to see finalization of MMIS, a continuation of the development of SSIS under the new Title XX legislation, Quality Control program expansion to the Food Stamps and Medicais areas, and the implementation of a Child Support Program under the new Title IV-D legislation. Accomplishments of these tasks will bring us closer to realizing the Department's objective of "insuring that all applicants/recipients receive authorized financial assistance, medical assistance, and social services in the most effective and economical manner". A listing of the major tasks slated for this fiscal year are shown on the list below.

Future Plans

- Foster Care Study
- Implementation of Medicaid Quality Control
- Implementation of Consolidated ADC grant standard
- Computerized provider/vendor file for Social Services
- Computerized eligibility file for Social Services
- Feasibility Study for implementing consolidated standard for State Supplementation of SSI for Adult Categories
- Computerization of Title IV-D reporting
- Computerization of Budget Computations
- Food Stamp Outreach
- Development of common data base for all welfare programs
- Development and implementation of a social service quality assurance program
- Enumeration Program to provide and verify social security numbers for ADC applicants

ADMINISTRATION

State Office Executive Unit

The State Office Executive Unit is comprised of the Director of Public Welfare, Deputy Director, General Counsel, Executive Assistant, Public Information Office, and the Administrative Support Unit. The Director is charged with the administration of the Department in compliance with State and Federal Statutes and must establish the general guidelines for the Department to follow. Assistance is provided by the Deputy Director and Executive Assistant. The Public Information Office serves as a clearinghouse for information dealing with the Department. Purchasing, transportation, records management, and mail handling are functions of the Administrative Support Unit. Legal advice on matters pertaining to the Department is furnished by the General Counsel and staff of the Legal Division. The General Counsel also has the responsibility of conducting fair hearings for the Department of Public Welfare.

Management And Data Services

The Management and Data Services Division is responsible for the recipient payments, medical vendor payments, a management analysis project, data entry and data processing support for the Department of Public Welfare.

The Grant Payment Section is responsible for the issuance of State warrants to eligible ADC, aged, blind, and disabled recipients. An on-line, real-time computer file of all eligible recipients and Historical Files of all grant payments are also maintained by the Grant Payment Section.

The Medical Payment Section audits and processes all claims for medical services. Payments are made directly to the providers (vendors) of medical services. Eligibility records are maintained by computer updates and medical claims are computer edited for recipient eligibility, authorized medical providers, and service cost parameters.

The responsibility of designing and monitoring all data processing systems is assigned to the Data Processing Section. Services provided by the Data Processing Section include: consultation, coordination of computer based projects and staff support for the computer Teleprocessing Network. Input of income maintenance, medical service, social services, and administrative data is the responsibility of the Data Entry Section. Currently terminals are located in the State Welfare Office, Douglas, Lancaster, Scotts Bluff, Hall and Lincoln County Offices and Regional Offices in Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Gering.

Finance And Accounting

The Division of Finance and Accounting is responsible for maintaining proper fiscal control of expenditures for all programs administered by the Department of Public Welfare. A major aspect of this responsibility is the allocation of Public Welfare Funds to achieve maximum Federal Fiscal participation in all funds expended. The division also must prepare budget estimates for the Department.

Finance and Accounting consists of three separate sections: Central Accounting provides for proper budgetary control and fiscal operation of the Department. The Donated Foods Section administers the distribution of Food to eligible recipient agencies. The new Title IV-D Section of Finance and Accounting is an organizational unit established to administer the State Title IV-D Plan. This Section will be assisting in paternity cases, the location of absent parents and the enforcement and collection of child support payments according to Title IV-D regulation.

Research And Statistics

The Division of Research and Statistics arranges and directs research and statistical activities for the Department of Public Welfare. Working with other divisions, Research and Statistics coordinates special research studies and projects which relate to public welfare programs and provides information and recommendations to the Director and appropriate divisions. In addition, the Division is responsible for submission of required Federal Reports. The Division also assists in the preparation of budget estimates and publishes monthly and annual reports of public welfare statistics.

Personnel And Training

The Division of Personnel and Training is responsible for the administration of the personnel program and for the administration of a statewide staff development program for state and county welfare employees.

The State Department of Public Welfare operates under the regulations of the Nebraska Joint Merit System. One of the primary functions of the Merit System is to establish policies governing entrance to the system and to provide for a career status after serving a specified probationary period.

The total number of state and county welfare employees at the beginning of the fiscal year was 1,589. There were 509 accessions and 354 separations during the fiscal year, increasing the total number of public welfare employees in the state to 1,744 as of June 30, 1975. The overall separation rate for the fiscal year was 20%. Of the 354 separations, 31 were due to retirement.

During the 1974-1975 Fiscal Year the Department Employee Handbook was revised and updated. Distribution was made to all state and county welfare employees. The format was changed to allow for additions, deletions and revision of policies without having to reprint the entire handbook.

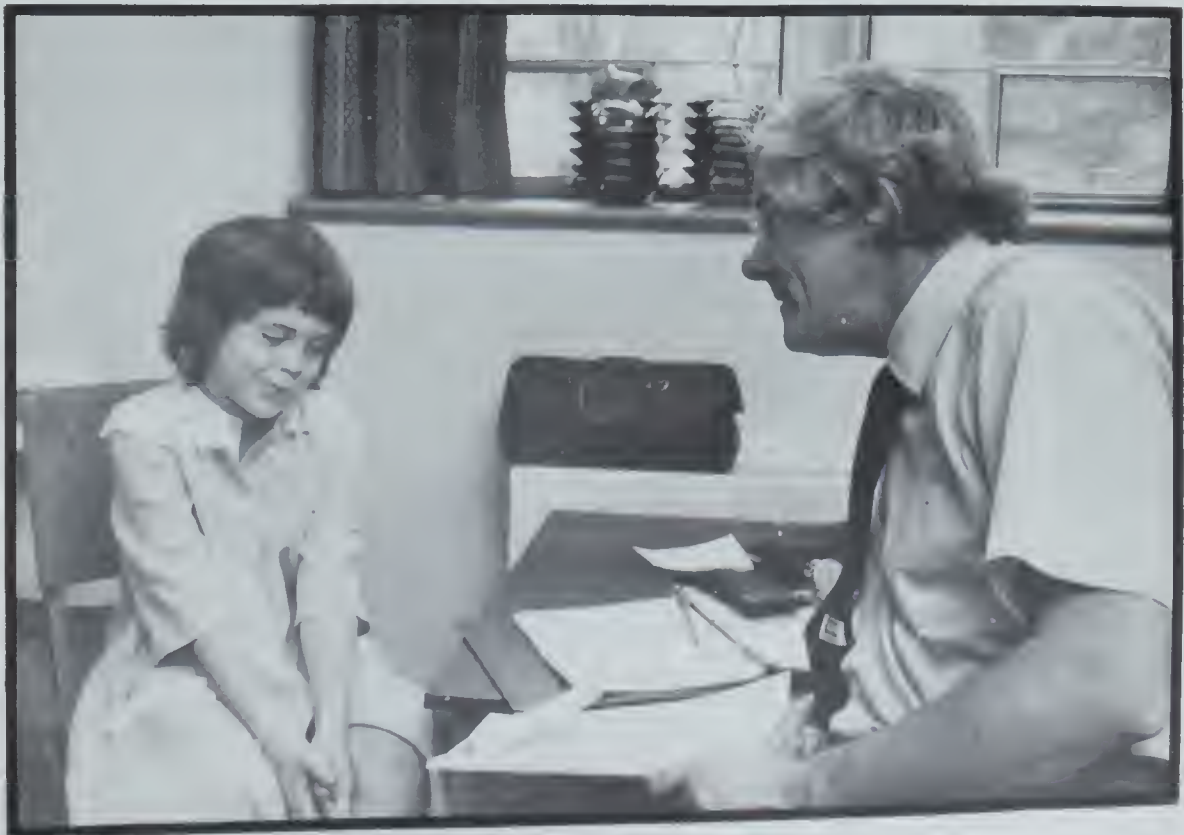
The Training Unit within the Division was reorganized in 1975 by centralizing its resources. This action has provided more flexible and effective Department use of its training resources.

During the Fiscal Year, In-Service Training was provided for both state and county welfare employees with training sessions being conducted in all six training centers located in Scotts Bluff, North Platte, Grand Island, Norfolk, Lincoln and Omaha. Training this year, as in the past years, has been primarily concerned with changes in administrative policies and procedures resulting from new State and Federal legislation and administrative decisions. The first in-depth orientation program for new workers was also conducted. The aggregate number of employees attending in-agency and out-of-agency workshops and seminars was 3,265.

Efforts continue at the state level to coordinate training activities and to provide training experiences geared to the needs of both state and county welfare employees, and other interested groups such as vendors providing services to welfare recipients.

Regional Offices

The six Regional Offices of the Department of Public Welfare serve as management centers for the Counties within each Region. In this capacity the Regional Offices serve as extensions of the Department of Public Welfare and focus on local and regional welfare needs in planning and resource allocation. Supervision, training and technical support are provided by the Regional Offices to facilitate the administration of all welfare programs.



Total actual disbursements in Fiscal Year 1974-1975 were \$19,005,486 or 18.4% higher than in Fiscal Year 1973-1974. The ratio of administrative costs (Local and State) to total program costs was 14.9% for the Fiscal Year. Table 1 provides a more detailed breakdown of disbursements by selected cost centers.

TABLE 1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975		
<u>Actual Program Costs</u>		
Cuban Refugee	\$ 5,762	
Child Welfare	896,228	
WIN Services	332,376	
State Supplement	2,793,939	
ADC Grant	25,242,120	
Medicaid	55,042,288	
Emergency Assistance	98,729	1)
Catastrophic Illness	24,352	1)
Social Services	16,886,497	2)
CCS	1,247,974	3)
NCCY	1,426,099	3)
Total Program Costs		\$103,996,364
<u>Local Administration Costs</u>		
Counties	\$11,601,406	
Multi-County Service Units	381,300	
Total Local Administration Costs		\$11,982,706
<u>State Administration Costs</u>		
WIN	\$ 53,343	
Training	140,249	
Food Stamps	159,931	
Donated Foods	47,448	
Income Maintenance	186,712	
Social Services	992,526	
Medicaid	633,873	
MMIS	103,867	
Quality Control	283,153	
Licensing	74,194	
Supporting Units 4)	3,182,198	
Regional Offices	369,886	
Total State Administration Costs		\$ 6,227,380
Total Disbursements		\$122,206,450

1) Does not include local funds.

2) Includes partial payments for June 1974.

3) Includes Program and Administrative Costs.

4) Director, Staff and other Administrative support, Divisions of Finance, Research and Statistics, Personnel, Management and Data, and related computer support.

INCOME MAINTENANCE



I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975

II. INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

ADC

State Supplementation of the Federal
Supplemental Security

Income (SSI) Program

Quality Control

ADC Quality Control

Food Stamps Quality Control

Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control

Corrective Actions during Fiscal Year
1974-1975

Disaster Relief

Food Stamp Program

Donated Foods

WIN

Emergency Assistance

III. A LOOK TO THE FUTURE



I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

Several major accomplishments brought change to the Income Maintenance Programs during Fiscal Year 1974-1975. A few of these are listed below.

- ADC Maximums increased
- QC Error Rate for ADC reduced
- Standard of Need increased for cases receiving a State Supplement to SSI
- Essential Persons considered for State Supplement to SSI
- Title IV-D Legislation signed by President Ford
- ADC Consolidated Standard Survey completed
- Disaster Relief Program for tornado victims
- Vietnamese Refugee Program designed
- Check Stuffers for Corrective Action
- BENDEX System redesign and implementation
- Enumeration Project Study completed
- Quality Control expanded to Medicaid
- Food Stamp Outreach Program begun
- Quality Control support by computer

II. INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

A more detailed view of the major programs administered by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare and the changes brought by Fiscal Year 1974-1975 is given below.

Aid to Dependent Children Program Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975

The aid to Dependent Children (ADC) Program is administered by County Divisions of Public Welfare under the supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare. This program provides financial aid to needy dependent children and needy parents or relatives with whom these children reside. There are three major eligibility groups for ADC recipients, which include Regular ADC, Unemployed Father, and Foster Care.

The ADC program underwent major changes during Fiscal Year 1974-1975. After intensive study, the Consolidated Standard of Need was approved by the State Director following a May 12, 1975, public hearing. The consolidated standard provides a single need standard for each family size and is designed to replace the complex system of budgeting for up to 24 different items which varied with individual cases. The Consolidated Standard of Need should prove advantageous to recipients, simplify forms and procedures for county welfare personnel, aid in reducing errors, and provide for better public understanding.

The Nebraska Consolidated Standard was approved at \$230 for an ADC unit of two (mother and child), \$280 for three, \$330 for four, and upward to \$845 for a unit size of fifteen. Nebraska's Eighty-Fourth Legislature approved higher maximum payments to ADC recipients to be effective in August of 1975. The new maximums allow \$210 for a parent and child and \$42 for each additional child. The earlier maximums of \$175 and \$35 for each additional child have been in effect since July 1974.

In January of 1975, the new Title IV-D (Child Support Enforcement) established a variety of additional duties and responsibilities for States, HEW, and IRS for obtaining child support payments, establishing paternity and parent location. Provisions of Title IV-D are scheduled for implementation in Fiscal Year 1975-1976.

In March of 1975, notices were sent along with ADC checks to provide recipients with a short form for reporting to welfare offices changes in circumstances, such as, number of persons in the households, income, child support payments, etc. This procedure has proven to be cost effective. In April of 1975, a formal training program for new Income Maintenance workers was implemented. Beginning with a specialized training course to acquaint the new worker with procedures, techniques of interviewing and problem-solving. It has now become an effective part of the Department's overall training effort.

In Fiscal Year 1974-1975, the total ADC payments amounted to \$25.57 million, a 20% increase over the previous year. On the average 11,891 families received benefits under the ADC program each month. A monthly average of 38,398 persons, including 27,801 children and 10,597 adults, received an average of \$55.49 each per month. The average check to an ADC family was \$179.16 per month--a 17% increase over last year. Much of the increase in average payments during Fiscal Year 1974-1975 is explained by the passage of L.B. 834 in July 1974, which increased maximum ADC payments from \$124 to \$175 per month on behalf of the first child in a family, and \$34 to \$35 on behalf of each additional child.

CHART 1 ADC CASES AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975

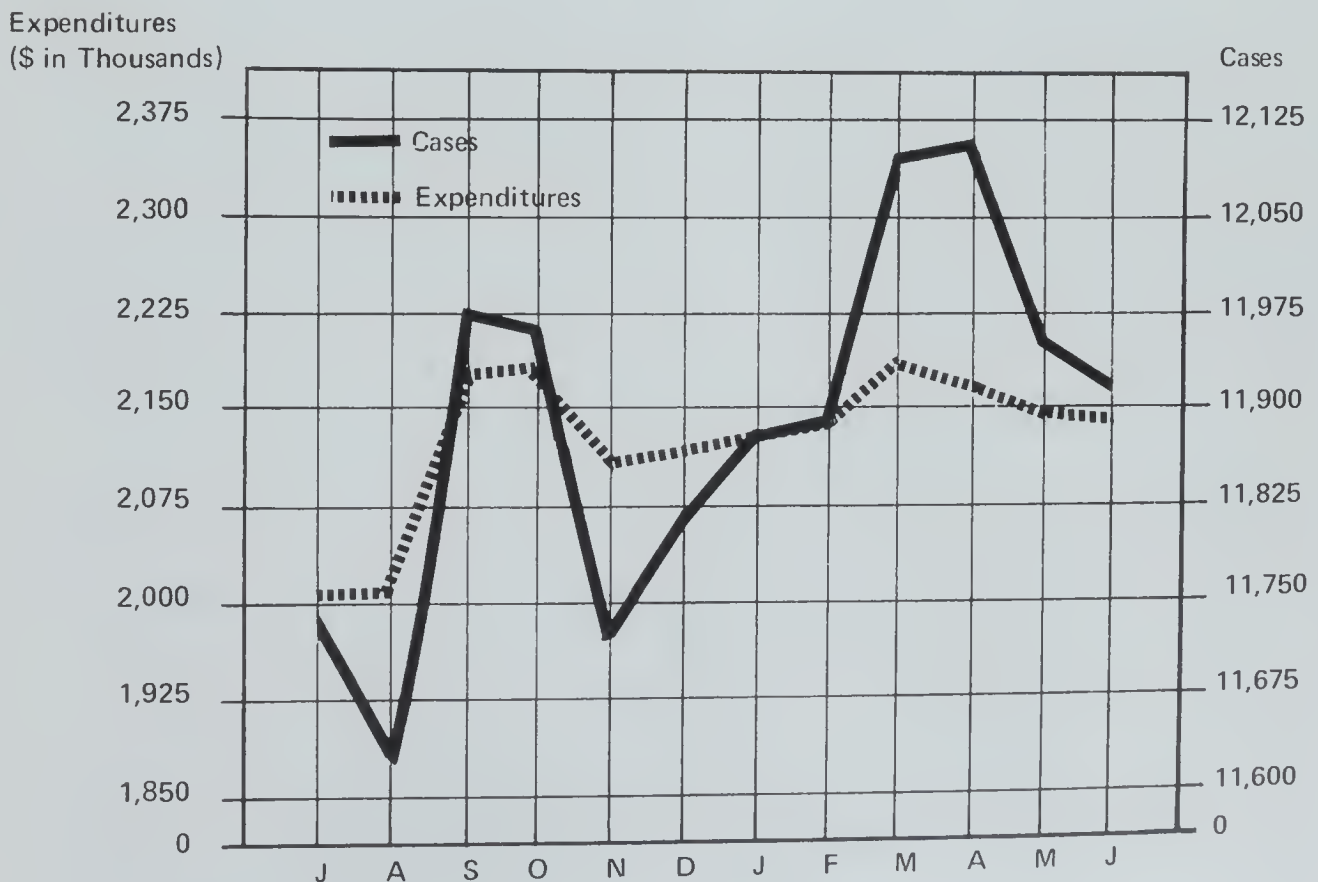


TABLE 1 ADC PROGRAM TOTALS BY COUNTY, REGION AND STATE, FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

Region & Counties	ADC - TOTAL				ADC - FOSTER CARE*				ADC - UF*			
	Average No. of Families	Average Total	Average Children	Average No. of Persons	Total Maintenance Payments	Average Payment Per Person	Average No. of Families	Average No. of Persons	Total Maintenance Payments	Average No. of Families	Average No. of Persons	Total Maintenance Payments
TOTAL	11,891	38,398	27,801	10,597	\$25,566,330	\$55.49	458	588	\$778,007	21	112	\$59,234
REGION I	792	2,513	1,823	690	1,668,900	55.34	69	99	131,539	2	6	1,645
Banner	1	1	1	1	2,345	195.46	1	1	7,639	1	1	1,645
Box Butte	74	229	168	61	158,734	57.76	5	5	7,639	1	1	1,645
Cheyenne	57	181	131	50	110,969	51.09	3	4	5,965	1	1	1,645
Dawes	31	87	61	26	62,219	59.60	2	4	4,955	1	1	1,645
Deuel	12	44	32	12	26,923	50.99	1	1	1,704	1	1	1,645
Garden	11	33	21	11	24,108	60.88	1	1	1,704	1	1	1,645
Kimball	35	109	76	33	68,846	52.63	1	1	1,704	1	1	1,645
Morrill	45	141	106	35	94,536	55.87	6	9	11,303	2	6	1,645
Scotts Bluff	464	1,485	1,081	404	1,004,370	56.36	47	68	91,371	2	6	1,645
Sheridan	57	188	137	51	104,921	46.51	4	8	8,602	1	1	1,645
Sioux	5	14	9	5	10,929	65.05	1	1	8,602	1	1	1,645
REGION II	523	1,652	1,174	478	1,089,416	54.94	12	18	21,458	3	10	5,803
Chase	16	43	30	13	31,562	61.17	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Dawson	84	254	179	75	167,722	55.03	3	6	5,503	1	2	1,260
Dundy	7	18	12	6	15,439	71.48	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Frontier	8	32	23	9	17,263	44.95	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Gosper	5	16	12	4	8,175	42.58	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Grant	7	14	8	6	11,962	71.20	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Hayes	2	9	6	2	3,423	31.69	1	1	5,503	1	2	1,260
Hitchcock	12	45	33	11	24,474	45.32	1	2	290	1	2	1,260
Hooker	4	11	7	4	7,587	57.48	1	1	290	1	2	1,260
Keith/Arthur	38	119	86	33	78,207	54.77	1	1	290	1	2	1,260
Lincoln	288	928	657	271	615,407	55.26	6	9	12,190	2	8	4,543
Logan	3	7	4	3	7,030	83.69	1	1	12,190	2	8	4,543
McPherson	4	23	18	5	14,315	51.86	1	1	12,190	2	8	4,543
Perkins	12	37	29	8	24,098	54.27	1	1	12,190	2	8	4,543
Red Willow	27	81	60	21	54,172	55.73	2	3	3,475	1	1	1,260
Thomas	4	12	8	4	8,580	59.58	1	1	3,475	1	1	1,260
REGION III	1,021	3,125	2,210	915	1,999,210	53.31	54	73	91,647	5	26	14,141
Adams	172	493	341	152	322,529	54.52	5	7	10,184	1	1	214
Blaine	5	15	9	6	9,164	50.91	1	1	10,184	1	1	214
Buffalo	98	312	223	89	186,248	49.73	6	7	8,317	1	1	214
Clay	54	181	138	43	119,954	55.23	7	8	12,396	1	1	214
Custer	50	155	113	42	95,069	51.11	5	7	9,611	1	1	214
Franklin	23	79	57	22	55,244	58.27	1	1	9,611	1	1	214
Furnas	28	83	59	24	60,830	61.07	4	4	6,979	1	1	214
Garfield	3	14	10	4	7,463	44.42	1	1	6,979	1	1	214
Greeley	12	37	26	11	24,885	56.05	1	1	1,271	1	1	214
Hall	373	1,125	787	338	718,240	53.21	12	16	20,253	2	8	3,842
Hamilton	23	86	63	23	50,246	48.69	1	1	351	1	1	214
Harlan	19	51	36	15	36,731	60.02	4	6	5,185	1	2	1,440
Howard	21	76	55	21	48,487	53.17	1	1	5,185	1	1	214
Kearney	13	34	22	12	20,443	50.10	1	1	145	1	1	420
Loup	1	1	1	1	212	17.67	1	1	212	1	1	420
Merrick	30	99	72	27	56,974	47.96	2	3	1,564	1	1	420

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* Foster Care and ADC-UF segments are included in ADC -Total.
To obtain total for ADC-Regular - subtract ADC-FC and ADC-UF from ADC Total.

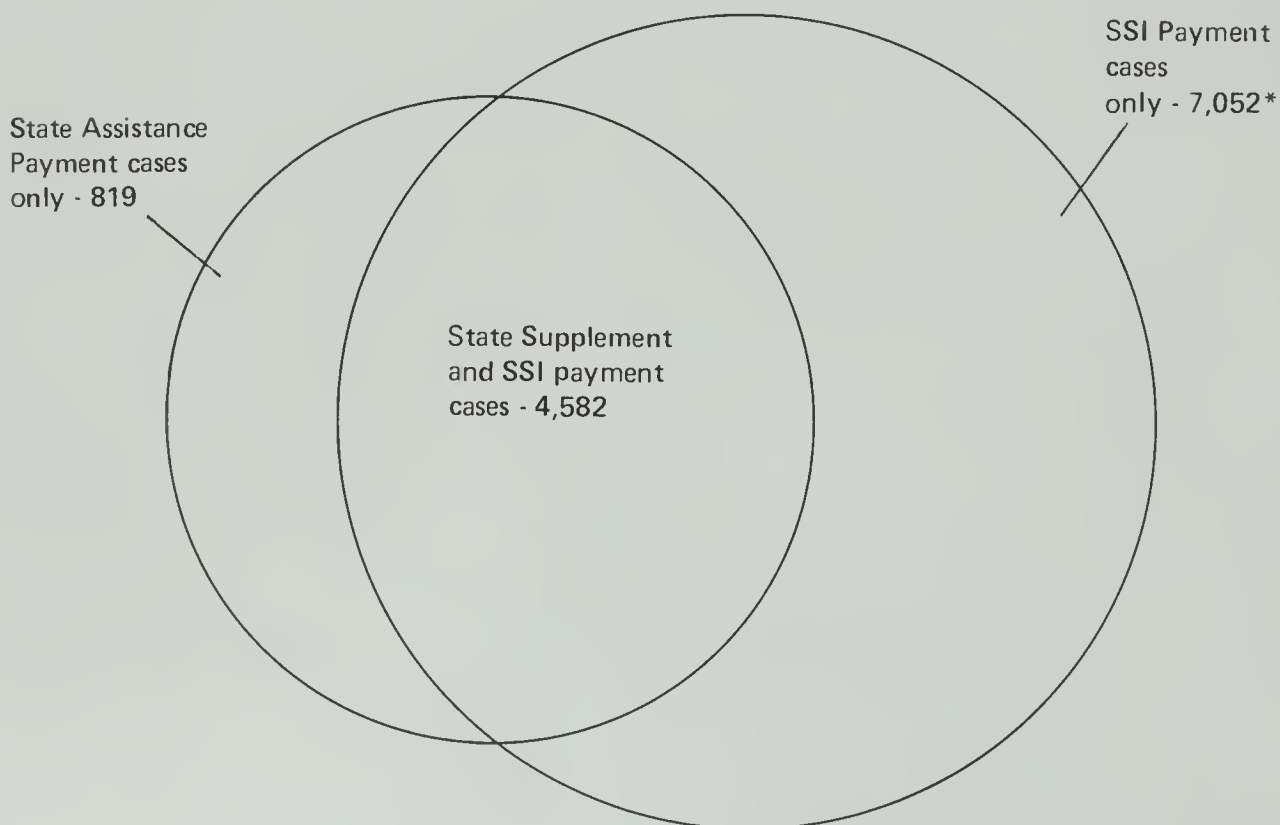
State Supplementation of the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program

In January, 1974, when the Social Security Administration implemented the SSI program to replace the former programs of aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled with a federally administered program, Nebraska began a state funded program to supplement the SSI payments in order to bring benefits up to the need standards in Nebraska. As a result of the implementation of the SSI program, three groups of recipients emerged: Those recipients who receive a Federal SSI payment only, those who receive both the SSI payment and a State Supplemental payment, and those who receive a State Supplemental payment only. The Nebraska Standard of Need for Aged, Blind and Disabled recipients is higher than the Standard of Need recognized by the SSI Program, resulting in some recipients being eligible for a State Supplemental payment and not SSI.

In total for Fiscal Year 1974-1975 the average monthly number of Aged, Blind, and Disabled cases in the above groups was approximately 12,453, very similar to the average caseload prior to the advent of the SSI Program of 12,887. The average monthly number of cases receiving a State Supplemental payment only was 819, those receiving both SSI and a State Supplement averaged 4,582, and those receiving an SSI payment only averaged 7,052*. Nearly all of these recipients are eligible for the Title XIX (Medicaid) program and the determination of eligibility is accomplished by local welfare offices.

CHART 2

AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF CASES SSI AND STATE SUPPLEMENTATION



*Average based upon seven-month period, December 1974 to June 1975.

TABLE 2 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME ONLY FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1974 - JUNE 1975				
	Total Cases	Total Persons	Total Expenditures	Average per Case
TOTAL	--	--	\$3,673,725	\$ --
1975 June	6,823	7,462	484,347	70.99
May	6,939	7,620	501,083	72.21
April	7,013	7,710	515,264	73.47
March	7,025	7,765	526,845	75.00
February	7,079	7,739	537,933	75.99
January	7,209	7,857	550,619	76.38
1974 December	7,274	7,885	557,634	76.66
AVERAGE (7 mos.)	7,052	7,720	\$524,818	\$74.42

During this Fiscal Year the State Supplement Standard of Need was increased in order to pass-on the benefit increases of Social Security and SSI and the requirements of other needy family members essential to the well-being of the applicant were considered for the first time in the determination of the amount of the supplement.

In February of 1975 the Beneficiary Data Exchange System (BENDEX), which provides Welfare offices with information concerning Social Security benefits to Welfare recipients, was adopted as a single source verification of benefits received by Aged, Blind, and Disabled persons. Changes in benefits reported by the BENDEX System are used to adjust the following month's payment. Implementation of the BENDEX System has eliminated the need to have a worker view and verify individual benefit checks.

During the Fiscal Year State Supplement expenditures totaled \$2,852,801. The average monthly payment per case amounted to \$44.02, while the average monthly number of cases was 5,401.

CHART 3 MONTHLY STATE SUPPLEMENTATION CASES AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

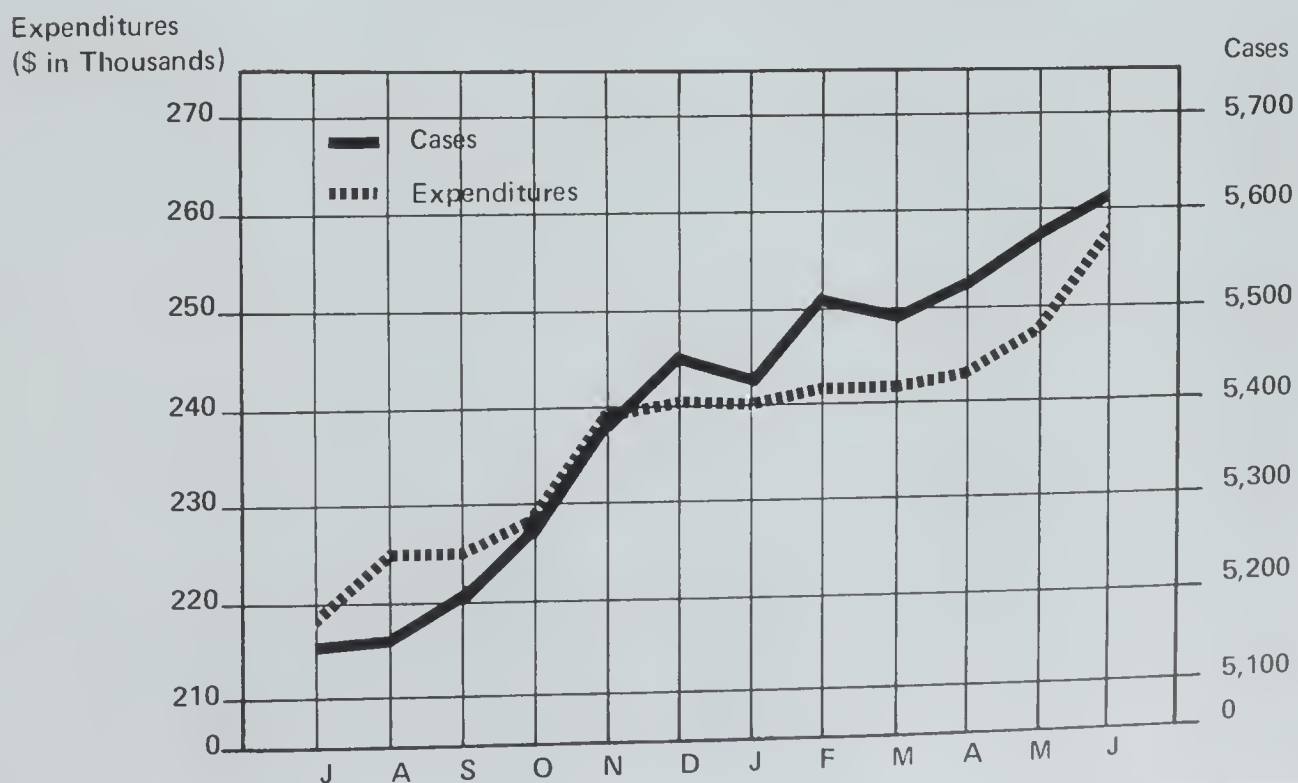


TABLE 3 STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS BY COUNTY, REGION AND STATE, FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

Region & Counties	Total State Supplement					AGED		BLIND		DISABLED	
	Average No. of Cases* Receiving State Supplement	Average No. of Cases* Receiving State Supplement With SSI	Average No. of Cases* Receiving State Supplement Without SSI	Amount of State Supplement Payments	Monthly Average Per Case	Average No. of Cases	Amount	Average No. of Cases	Amount	Average No. of Cases	Amount
TOTAL	5,401	4,582	819	\$2,852,801	\$44.02	2,370	\$943,278	134	\$84,182	2,897	\$1,825,341
REGION I	381	323	58	166,098	36.25	200	64,791	6	3,202	175	98,105
Banner											
Box Butte	33	28	5	10,271	25.87	23	5,949	1	508	9	3,814
Cheyenne	35	29	6	11,955	28.67	17	3,774	--	--	18	8,181
Dawes	33	30	3	15,981	40.46	14	4,087	1	4	18	11,890
Deuel	7	6	1	6,269	74.63	3	2,345	1	1,015	3	2,909
Garden	11	10	1	9,028	65.90	5	2,230	--	--	7	6,798
Kimball	19	14	5	7,865	34.80	11	2,949	1	248	8	4,668
Morrill	16	13	3	5,893	30.53	10	2,200	--	--	7	3,693
Scotts Bluff	201	168	33	87,353	36.29	104	36,066	3	1,427	94	49,860
Sheridan	23	21	2	8,350	30.04	14	4,962	--	--	9	3,388
Sioux	4	3	1	3,133	65.27	1	229	--	--	3	2,904
REGION II	393	331	62	183,514	38.91	214	77,985	9	3,585	170	101,944
Chase	20	19	1	9,147	37.33	12	4,130	--	--	9	5,017
Dawson	113	95	18	57,978	42.88	68	27,792	2	886	42	29,300
Dundy	7	6	1	1,546	18.85	2	392	--	--	5	1,154
Frontier	7	6	1	3,297	40.21	5	2,488	--	--	2	809
Gosper	4	3	1	3,571	70.02	1	257	--	--	3	3,314
Grant	2	1	1	801	33.38	--	--	--	--	2	801
Hayes	8	7	1	4,946	50.99	3	939	--	--	6	4,007
Hitchcock	13	11	2	6,266	39.66	2	244	--	--	12	6,022
Hooker	2	1	1	373	13.81	2	320	--	--	1	53
Keith/Arthur	33	27	6	16,783	42.81	17	5,405	2	439	14	10,939
Lincoln	147	121	26	59,558	33.78	83	27,327	5	2,260	59	29,971
Logan	3	3	--	710	19.72	2	213	--	--	1	497
McPherson	1	1	--	320	80.00	1	320	--	--	--	--
Perkins	4	3	1	1,458	33.91	2	757	--	--	2	701
Red Willow	25	20	5	15,348	50.99	14	6,503	--	--	11	8,845
Thomas	5	4	1	1,412	23.93	3	898	--	--	2	514
REGION III	922	798	124	523,308	47.30	429	188,051	17	13,368	476	321,889
Adams	187	158	29	102,666	45.67	93	40,165	5	3,706	90	58,795
Blaine	6	5	1	3,158	42.11	3	1,101	1	304	3	1,753
Buffalo	107	95	12	55,096	43.11	51	19,723	2	1,044	54	34,329
Clay	20	17	3	8,337	34.74	9	2,263	--	--	11	6,074
Custer	63	60	3	34,027	45.19	33	12,754	1	2,018	29	19,255
Franklin	21	18	3	10,369	41.15	12	4,340	--	--	9	6,029
Furnas	29	25	4	22,988	67.02	8	6,184	1	1,196	20	15,608
Garfield	5	4	1	1,694	31.37	2	312	1	63	2	1,319
Greeley	10	9	1	5,632	47.33	4	2,054	--	--	6	3,578
Hall	191	160	31	106,423	46.53	86	34,929	6	4,802	98	66,692
Hamilton	37	35	2	22,622	51.30	15	9,869	--	--	22	12,753
Harlan	13	12	1	8,324	54.41	3	950	--	--	10	7,374
Howard	19	15	4	10,579	46.00	6	2,885	--	--	14	7,694
Kearney	19	16	3	9,083	38.98	7	2,865	--	--	12	6,218
Loup	3	2	1	1,314	38.65	--	--	--	--	3	1,314
Merrick	38	35	3	26,147	57.47	18	9,449	1	99	19	16,599

TABLE 3. CONTINUED

Nuckolls	30	26	4	\$21,380	\$59.55	11	\$5,522	--	\$--	19	\$15,858
Phelps	49	37	12	26,065	44.48	31	13,242	--	--	18	12,823
Sherman	13	12	1	7,455	46.30	6	1,655	1	136	7	5,664
Valley	38	36	2	26,339	57.13	21	12,830	--	--	18	13,509
Webster	22	19	3	12,738	48.80	10	4,736	--	--	12	8,002
Wheeler	3	3	--	872	21.80	2	223	--	--	1	649
REGION IV	558	493	65	253,998	37.91	285	97,656	9	3,972	264	152,370
Antelope	25	24	1	7,868	26.76	14	2,437	--	--	10	5,431
Boone	23	21	2	6,502	23.64	13	2,901	--	--	10	3,601
Boyd	15	14	1	6,920	38.44	9	2,439	--	--	6	4,481
Brown	15	14	1	6,815	36.84	7	1,591	1	183	8	5,041
Burt	26	23	3	14,330	46.08	11	3,931	--	--	15	10,399
Cedar	29	26	3	10,746	31.24	15	4,159	--	--	14	6,587
Cherry	11	10	1	4,685	36.89	6	1,710	1	837	4	2,138
Colfax	39	37	2	26,493	56.01	21	14,379	--	--	19	12,114
Cuming	25	24	1	6,820	22.96	14	2,790	--	--	11	4,030
Dakota	61	48	13	31,848	43.57	30	12,142	2	701	29	19,005
Dixon	26	25	1	12,764	41.71	10	4,257	--	--	15	8,507
Holt	40	36	4	19,024	40.14	20	7,071	2	798	18	11,155
Keya Paha	1	--	1	632	42.13	1	23	--	--	1	609
Knox	29	23	6	9,363	26.98	15	3,341	1	279	13	5,743
Madison	76	64	12	27,368	30.21	44	13,322	1	72	30	13,974
Nance	21	17	4	12,923	51.49	11	4,611	1	168	10	8,144
Pierce	13	11	2	3,561	23.12	9	1,813	--	--	3	1,748
Platte	26	23	3	16,656	54.25	12	5,069	--	--	14	11,587
Rock	5	4	1	4,342	68.92	2	894	--	--	4	3,448
Stanton	5	4	1	1,171	19.20	1	193	--	--	4	978
Thurston	33	28	5	17,582	44.85	13	6,673	2	934	18	9,975
Wayne	17	15	2	5,585	26.98	9	1,910	--	--	8	3,675
REGION V	1,234	1,060	174	619,340	41.81	574	220,785	44	27,007	616	371,548
Butler	15	14	1	6,687	37.99	8	2,320	--	--	6	4,367
Cass	72	64	8	43,398	50.06	35	18,502	1	837	37	24,059
Fillmore	21	19	2	5,514	22.14	15	4,134	--	--	6	1,380
Gage	99	84	15	42,422	35.80	48	14,303	1	596	50	27,523
Jefferson	44	41	3	14,898	28.11	31	9,465	1	192	12	5,241
Johnson	11	10	1	2,303	17.19	6	621	1	98	5	1,584
Lancaster	644	547	97	361,863	46.81	253	108,056	26	18,779	365	235,028
Nemaha	48	39	9	16,262	28.28	31	7,630	2	762	15	7,870
Otoe	60	53	7	21,812	30.09	31	7,015	6	2,894	23	11,903
Pawnee	14	13	1	8,636	51.10	9	5,505	--	--	5	3,131
Polk	12	11	1	3,866	26.12	7	1,289	--	--	5	2,577
Richardson	76	67	9	36,374	39.71	44	19,742	3	1,282	29	15,350
Saline	13	9	4	7,263	45.97	7	2,348	1	1,313	5	3,602
Saunders	42	37	5	18,522	36.46	20	7,169	1	28	22	11,325
Seward	26	21	5	12,492	40.30	12	4,873	--	--	14	7,619
Thayer	21	19	2	8,527	33.44	12	4,505	2	171	8	3,851
York	15	11	4	8,501	47.49	6	3,308	1	55	9	5,138
REGION VI	1,911	1,576	335	1,106,543	48.25	667	294,010	49	33,048	1,195	779,485
Dodge	75	64	11	33,118	36.72	44	17,608	1	36	31	15,474
Douglas	1,776	1,464	312	1,039,321	48.76	603	268,539	47	31,518	1,126	739,264
Sarpy	44	34	10	29,446	55.56	14	6,662	2	1,494	28	21,290
Washington	16	14	2	4,658	24.91	5	1,201	--	--	11	3,457

* Number of cases does not reflect number of persons.

One case may include a recipient and any essential persons.

** Due to rounding figures added may not equal totals.

Quality Control

Nebraska's efforts to insure correct application and compliance with State and Federal regulations have been directed to the following areas:

- ADC Quality Control

Basically, Nebraska's ADC Quality Control program consists of a monthly section of sampled ADC cases which are reviewed for correctness of payment and accuracy of eligibility determination. A thorough investigation of each sampled case is made. Procedures, documentation, verification of information and computations are checked at the Welfare agency followed by a face-to-face interview with the client.

- Food Stamp Quality Control

Food Stamp Quality Control has received much greater emphasis in the past year. Sample cases are also selected for review on a monthly basis. These cases are screened for correctness of coupon issuance, payment level, and eligibility determination.

- Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC)

Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control is scheduled for implementation on July 1, 1975. The purpose of this program is to isolate medicaid eligibility determination errors and provide information for corrective action. A monthly sample of cases will also be selected for review to determine if the recipient was eligible on the date of service.

Data collected from each of the above samples is analyzed to determine problem areas and provide information for corrective action. Corrective action is directed toward changes in the existing program, the budgeting process, staff training, and procurement of timely and accurate information from clients.

- Corrective Actions during Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975

The Consolidated Standard study was finalized and approved for implementation scheduled for August 1975. The standard will provide an equal standard of need for clients with various living arrangements and also simplify the budgeting process and computations.

The assistance application form was revised and tested in several pilot counties. Statewide use was approved and will begin in the latter part of 1975. The form will improve recording and documentation for case records at the county.

Staff training sessions were conducted more frequently and expanded to emphasize areas in which agency errors were likely to occur. Objective analysis of the effectiveness of training sessions was established and will be used for future sessions.

A study of optimum caseloads and performance standards for workers was initiated. The results should provide county administrators with a better method of evaluating the number of staff required and staff performance measures.

An on-going statewide Quality Surveillance program provided reviews of case records in local county offices to determine areas of agency errors. Policy revisions and special training sessions have resulted from the surveillance program.

A special unit was formed in Douglas County to thoroughly investigate cases where client misrepresentation was suspected.

A quarterly check stuffer reminder was mailed to each client to provide a vehicle to report changes in income and living situation.

The effectiveness of the corrective actions was reflected by a decrease in the quality control error rates of 23% from the first half of the fiscal year.

Disaster Relief

After the tornado which struck Omaha May 6, aid was made available to storm victims in the form of \$1 million in State Funds to be matched by Federal Funds. Persons or businesses who had exhausted other forms of relief, such as insurance, were able to request assistance in the form of grants or loans.

An additional form of relief, authorized by the Food and Nutrition Service, was the issuance of over \$272,000 in Food Stamp coupons to victims in areas struck by the tornadoes. A total of 2,618 households received an average of \$25.00 worth of free Food Stamp coupons from Omaha Food Stamp offices after the disaster.

Food Stamp Program

As a result of the Federal Food Stamp Act of 1964, the Food Stamp Program was first inaugurated in Nebraska at Lancaster County in June 1965. During the past decade, the program has expanded to all 93 counties. This program allows low income households to buy food at reduced cost through the use of food coupons or "stamps". The total allotment of coupons is adjusted every six months to compensate for inflation and increases in Social Security benefits.

During Fiscal Year 1974-1975 an average of 48,254 persons in 15,687 households participated in the Food Stamp Program each month. This is up from the prior year when the monthly number of persons averaged 46,816 and households averaged 15,482. A total of \$19.8 million worth of Food Stamp coupons were purchased during Fiscal Year 1974-1975, with a bonus value (value of food stamps over and above what the recipient pays) of \$11.05 million. Total value of food stamps issued was up almost \$3.4 million from the prior fiscal year, with over \$1.94 million of the increase being bonus value.

The average monthly bonus value of food stamps per household in Fiscal Year 1974-1975 was also up from \$49.07 the prior year to \$58.72, an increase of 19.7 percent. The average bonus value per person rose to \$19.09 from \$16.22 for a 17.7 percent increase.

Monthly average bonus value per household in counties ranged from a high in Sioux County of \$104.12 to a low of \$23.50 in Hayes County. Douglas County accounted for 54.7 percent of the total value of all food stamps issued in Nebraska and 57.4 percent of the bonus value. Lancaster County was second, accounting for 7.3 percent of total value and 6.7 percent of the bonus value of food stamps issued in the State.

TABLE 4 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975*

REGION & COUNTIES	PARTICIPANTS					AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF PERSONS		
	AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF PERSONS		Total	AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF PERSONS		Total
	P.A.**	Non P.A.***	P.A.**	Non P.A.***		P.A.**	Non P.A.***	
TOTAL	5,970	9,718	15,687	22,252	48,254	26,002	22,252	48,254
REGION I	286	707	993	1,102	3,342	2,240	1,102	3,342
Box Butte	14	79	93	49	306	257	49	306
Cheyenne	29	101	131	101	330	229	101	330
Dawes	12	68	79	40	228	187	40	228
Deuel	3	21	24	10	87	77	10	87
Garden	3	23	26	10	60	50	10	60
Kimball/Banner	14	34	47	52	139	87	52	139
Morrill	16	43	59	65	208	144	65	208
Scotts Bluff	179	277	456	703	1,706	1,003	703	1,706
Sheridan	14	49	63	59	203	144	59	203
Sioux	3	13	16	13	75	62	13	75
REGION II	179	585	764	655	2,152	1,497	655	2,152
Chase	3	29	32	10	92	83	10	92
Dawson	25	99	124	96	328	232	96	328
Dundy	3	29	32	9	54	45	9	54
Frontier	2	21	23	5	37	32	5	37
Gosper	1	10	11	1	16	14	1	16
Grant	1	3	5	4	16	12	4	16
Hayes	1	2	3	6	8	2	6	8
Hitchcock	4	27	30	18	82	65	18	82
Hooker	3	7	10	5	20	15	5	20
Keith	18	41	59	64	220	156	64	220
Lincoln	101	202	303	360	919	559	360	919
Logan	--	5	5	--	18	18	--	18
McPherson	3	5	8	17	32	15	17	32
Perkins	6	11	17	29	71	42	29	71
Red Willow	6	85	91	22	207	185	22	207
Thomas	3	9	12	10	32	23	10	32
REGION III	335	1,210	1,545	1,239	4,362	3,123	1,239	4,362
Adams	74	182	256	242	687	445	242	687
Blaine	4	10	14	13	43	30	13	43
Buffalo	28	192	220	111	629	517	111	629
Clay	17	39	56	72	178	105	72	178
Custer	10	107	118	36	282	246	36	282
Franklin	12	46	57	50	153	102	50	153
Furnas	12	41	53	34	109	75	34	109
Greeley	3	45	48	12	156	144	12	156
Hall	110	202	311	407	941	535	407	941
Hamilton	8	26	33	34	116	83	34	116
Harlan	6	33	39	24	106	82	24	106
Howard	6	44	50	30	204	174	30	204
Kearney	4	19	23	14	64	49	14	64
Loup/Garfield	2	20	22	10	66	57	10	66
Merrick	11	28	39	41	110	69	41	110

TABLE 4 CONTINUED

Nuckolls	12	47	59	43	90	133
Phelps	5	34	38	18	75	93
Sherman	2	26	28	7	81	88
Valley	4	26	30	18	77	95
Webster	6	37	42	21	64	85
Wheeler	2	6	8	4	22	25
REGION IV	228	1,051	1,279	930	2,931	3,861
Antelope	13	51	63	53	129	182
Boone	8	42	50	33	112	145
Boyd	3	39	42	11	126	137
Brown	6	34	40	17	69	86
Burt	7	45	52	30	134	164
Cedar	11	38	49	32	174	206
Cherry	7	39	46	24	115	138
Colfax	6	24	30	31	59	90
Cuming	6	41	46	23	129	152
Dakota	27	118	144	99	310	409
Dixon	6	49	55	23	130	153
Holt	25	68	93	104	176	280
Keya Paha	1	5	5	2	13	15
Knox	12	89	101	50	268	318
Madison	33	105	137	132	245	378
Nance	3	17	20	12	47	59
Pierce	3	30	33	15	45	60
Platte	17	62	79	70	180	250
Rock	2	17	18	9	40	49
Stanton	3	30	33	6	68	74
Thurston	31	83	114	147	295	442
Wayne	2	26	28	10	66	75
REGION V	874	1,576	2,450	3,125	3,627	6,753
Butler	7	46	53	28	102	130
Cass	21	88	109	78	254	332
Fillmore	6	54	60	24	122	147
Gage	30	125	155	107	255	361
Jefferson	12	104	116	43	215	259
Johnson	4	22	26	13	41	54
Lancaster	656	582	1,238	2,269	1,269	3,533
Nemaha	10	52	62	37	105	143
Otoe	34	87	121	156	214	370
Pawnee	4	32	36	21	92	112
Polk	--	18	19	2	47	49
Richardson	34	104	138	140	236	375
Saline	9	42	51	36	71	107
Saunders	16	77	93	59	237	295
Seward	16	62	78	60	155	214
Thayer	8	35	43	36	81	117
York	6	47	53	24	133	157
REGION VI	4,068	4,590	8,658	15,200	12,584	27,784
Dodge	24	129	153	96	329	424
Douglas	3,939	4,276	8,215	14,664	11,633	26,297
Sarpy	94	135	229	400	485	885
Washington	11	50	61	41	137	178

* May not sum vertically or horizontally due to rounding.

** According to the FNS definition, public assistance, or P. A., households consist of families which receive a federally-aided grant (with the exception of SSI recipients). Thus only ADC households are classified as P. A. households.

*** Households receiving only an SSI and/or State Supplement payment, MA-only households, and households which receive no assistance of any type are treated as Non-P.A. households for reporting purposes.

TABLE 5

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

VALUE OF FOOD STAMPS ISSUED BY PARTICIPATING COUNTIES
BY REGION, BY COUNTY - FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

Region & Counties	COUPONS ISSUED						
	Total Value	Purchase Value	Bonus Value	% Purchase of Total	% Bonus of Total	Average Bonus per Household	Average Bonus per Person
TOTAL	\$19,837,941	\$8,783,667	\$11,054,274	44%	56%	\$58.72	\$19.09
REGION I	1,331,813	610,428	721,385	46	54	60.54	17.99
Box Butte	112,446	47,071	65,375	42	58	58.84	17.81
Cheyenne	149,026	65,888	83,138	44	56	53.06	20.97
Dawes	93,110	36,743	56,367	39	61	59.27	20.63
Deuel	34,775	13,644	21,131	39	61	74.40	20.24
Garden	26,413	13,648	12,765	52	48	40.91	17.73
Kimball/Banner	55,194	29,427	25,767	53	47	45.61	15.42
Morrill	79,622	42,558	37,064	53	47	52.13	14.82
Scotts Bluff	658,715	309,251	349,464	47	53	63.91	17.08
Sheridan	92,669	42,450	50,219	46	54	66.69	20.57
Sioux	29,843	9,748	20,095	33	67	104.12	22.43
REGION II	871,744	411,664	460,080	47	53	50.22	17.82
Chase	35,299	17,556	17,743	50	50	46.57	16.04
Dawson	134,940	66,574	68,366	49	51	45.85	17.38
Dundy	26,744	14,206	12,538	53	47	33.08	19.41
Frontier	16,386	8,260	8,126	50	50	30.10	18.18
Gosper	7,515	4,478	3,037	60	40	24.10	15.98
Grant	6,265	2,350	3,915	38	62	69.91	20.82
Hayes	2,663	1,770	893	66	34	23.50	9.50
Hitchcock	34,281	14,340	19,941	42	58	54.63	20.16
Hooker	9,892	2,905	6,987	29	71	57.74	28.87
Keith/Arthur	84,240	32,843	51,397	39	61	72.90	19.49
Lincoln	368,025	174,015	194,010	47	53	53.36	17.59
Logan	6,989	2,791	4,198	40	60	73.65	19.80
McPherson	13,476	5,648	7,828	42	58	77.50	20.60
Perkins	24,314	9,745	14,569	40	60	72.85	17.14
Red Willow	86,832	47,438	39,394	55	45	36.01	15.85
Thomas	13,883	6,745	7,138	49	51	50.27	18.85
REGION III	1,785,935	853,001	932,934	48	52	50.32	17.82
Adams	287,195	133,933	153,262	47	53	49.84	18.60
Blaine	18,749	7,682	11,067	41	59	66.67	21.57
Buffalo	253,379	108,723	144,656	43	57	54.73	19.17
Clay	80,903	42,476	38,427	53	47	57.10	18.03
Custer	119,467	60,599	58,868	51	49	41.66	17.37
Franklin	63,792	32,757	31,035	51	49	45.04	16.93
Furnas	52,596	29,151	23,445	55	45	37.04	17.90
Greeley	67,776	31,260	36,516	46	54	63.29	19.52
Hall	359,136	166,190	192,946	46	54	51.65	17.08
Hamilton	46,270	24,171	22,099	52	48	55.25	15.84
Harlan	43,056	20,716	22,340	48	52	48.25	17.52
Howard	79,331	32,690	46,641	41	59	77.22	19.10
Kearney	24,982	12,646	12,336	51	49	44.53	16.13
Loup/Garfield	29,482	14,740	14,742	50	50	56.70	18.54
Merrick	44,032	22,872	21,160	52	48	45.12	16.03

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	\$56,843	\$30,776	\$26,067	54%	46%	\$37.03	\$16.36
Nuckolls	37,998	23,178	14,820	61	39	32.22	13.35
Phelps	33,608	14,998	18,610	45	55	54.74	17.57
Sherman	37,883	18,286	19,597	48	52	54.74	17.24
Valley	38,310	19,775	18,535	52	48	36.63	18.08
Webster	11,147	5,382	5,765	48	52	60.68	18.90
Wheeler	1,584,851	766,514	818,337	48	52	53.33	17.66
REGION IV							
Antelope	77,202	39,486	37,716	51	49	49.76	17.26
Boone	62,216	29,432	32,784	47	53	54.37	18.84
Boyd	57,943	18,487	39,456	32	68	78.44	24.04
Brown	36,095	19,780	16,315	55	45	33.92	15.87
Burt	67,105	30,727	36,378	46	54	57.83	18.50
Cedar	82,266	38,258	44,008	47	53	74.59	17.79
Cherry	58,567	24,374	34,193	42	58	62.62	20.59
Colfax	37,352	21,849	15,503	58	42	42.83	14.31
Cuming	60,992	29,711	31,281	49	51	56.46	17.14
Dakota	170,136	73,726	96,410	43	57	55.66	19.65
Dixon	65,825	34,948	30,877	53	47	46.85	16.86
Holt	111,024	57,954	53,070	52	48	47.60	15.80
Keya Paha	5,752	1,931	3,821	34	66	58.78	21.35
Knox	134,930	60,193	74,737	45	55	61.97	19.57
Madison	155,320	81,931	73,389	53	47	44.53	16.19
Nance	24,277	13,864	10,413	57	43	43.39	14.75
Pierce	24,634	14,874	9,760	60	40	24.90	13.61
Platte	99,276	54,236	45,040	55	45	47.66	15.02
Rock	20,546	11,159	9,387	54	46	42.48	15.99
Stanton	32,127	17,739	14,388	55	45	36.89	16.28
Thurston	168,841	74,930	93,911	44	56	68.65	17.70
Wayne	32,425	16,925	15,500	52	48	45.99	17.13
REGION V	2,826,767	1,406,188	1,420,579	50	50	48.33	17.53
Butler	58,102	29,001	29,101	50	50	46.19	18.70
Cass	136,276	59,496	76,780	44	56	58.84	19.30
Fillmore	62,417	31,495	30,922	50	50	42.83	17.58
Gage	160,907	86,826	74,081	54	46	39.94	17.09
Jefferson	112,289	59,160	53,129	53	47	38.25	17.11
Johnson	23,236	12,038	11,198	52	48	36.48	17.44
Lancaster	1,456,568	711,061	745,507	49	51	50.17	17.59
Nemaha	61,125	33,239	27,886	54	46	37.63	16.29
Otoe	159,129	83,343	75,786	52	48	52.27	17.08
Pawnee	44,174	24,746	19,428	56	44	44.66	14.42
Polk	20,068	11,352	8,716	57	43	38.57	14.87
Richardson	165,773	85,575	80,198	52	48	48.40	17.81
Saline	46,510	23,332	23,178	50	50	37.81	18.14
Saunders	113,570	49,947	63,623	44	56	57.21	17.95
Seward	90,305	45,726	44,579	51	49	47.37	17.35
Thayer	50,036	25,892	24,144	52	48	46.52	17.21
York	66,282	33,959	32,323	51	49	51.06	17.15
REGION VI	11,436,831	4,735,872	6,700,959	41	59	64.50	20.10
Dodge	161,414	74,317	87,097	46	54	47.46	17.10
Douglas	10,845,512	4,498,447	6,347,065	41	59	64.39	20.11
Sarpy	355,762	131,210	224,552	37	63	81.71	21.14
Washington	74,143	31,898	42,245	43	57	57.63	19.77

Donated Foods

The Surplus Commodities Act of 1935, enacted to distribute food and other items to needy families, was the forerunner of the present Donated Foods Program administered by the Department of Public Welfare.

Food is purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and distributed to eligible recipient agencies in accordance with the following laws: Section 32, a public law passed in 1936, Section 416 - Agricultural Act of 1949, and Section 6 - The National School Lunch Act.

During the past four years Nebraska has received approximately 15 million pounds of food purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This food has been distributed to the following recipient agencies: School lunch and breakfast programs, institutions, day care and head start centers, summer camps, and "meals-on-wheels" programs, on an individual basis and for assembled groups.

TABLE 6

FEDERALLY DONATED FOOD RECEIVED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975*				
FOOD	ON HAND JULY 1974	RECEIVED	ISSUED	ON HAND JUNE 1975
TOTAL	1,715,729	7,031,521	7,627,425	1,119,825
Bulgur	624	--	624	--
Corn Meal	1,400	--	1,400	--
Farina	--	78,288	52,038	26,250
Flour	519,850	53,894	573,744	--
Oats, Rolled	10,000	--	10,000	--
Rice	6,300	--	6,300	--
Apple Juice	--	75,400	75,400	--
Applesauce	--	238,910	--	238,910
Cranberry Sauce	309	114,876	115,185	--
Grapefruit Juice	153,551	77,200	230,751	--
Green Beans	--	311,164	311,164	--
Navy Beans	--	79,750	79,750	--
Orange Juice	410,905	233,233	484,684	159,454
Peaches	--	286,200	118,440	167,760
Pears	4,220	--	4,220	--
Potatoes	--	335,540	335,540	--
Tomatoes	38	--	38	--
Beef	23,925	1,627,595	1,617,764	33,756
Chicken	86,550	288,000	374,550	--
Frankfurters	--	190,000	190,000	--
Pork	--	230,550	230,550	--
Poultry	18,314	147,900	166,214	--
Turkey	--	454,138	454,138	--
Butter	166,384	345,624	466,824	45,184
Cheese	--	848,670	596,460	252,210
Egg Mix	--	27,000	27,000	--
Margarine	112,320	--	112,320	--
Milk	--	726,143	626,243	99,900
Corn Syrup	--	10,728	10,728	--
Peanut Butter	92,162	204,833	200,594	96,401
Peanut Granules	--	45,885	45,885	--
Salad Oil	62,509	--	62,509	--
Vegetable Shortening	46,368	--	46,368	--

* Above figures in pounds.

WIN

In order to become eligible for the Aid to Dependent Children Program each individual who is not exempt must register for the Work Incentive (WIN) Program. Exempt individuals are also given the opportunity to voluntarily register in the program. During the Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975, 2,853 individuals were registered for WIN, of which 42% or 1,207 were volunteers.

Supportive services and child care plans are arranged for WIN participants prior to their entry into training or job placement with the Department of Labor. During the Fiscal Year 3,811 children received full-time day care and 2,671 children received part-time day care services under the WIN Program.

Other social services received by WIN participants included 497 family planning services, 292 medical exams, 1,480 homemaker, home management and housing improvement services, and 578 transportation services. The total WIN expenditures for the Fiscal Year were \$749,334 including day care, medical, staff-provided and administrative services.

Emergency Assistance

The Emergency Assistance program provides money and/or services for the needy children and other members of a household to meet needs arising out of unforeseen circumstances calling for immediate action. While this program can be used to provide means to deal with crisis situations threatening an eligible family, it can also be used if a crisis arises while eligibility is being determined.

In Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975 expenditures for Emergency Assistance totaled \$248,381--rent accounted for \$77,437 or 31.2%, household furniture accounted for \$45,314 or 18.2% of total Emergency Assistance expenditures. Douglas County expenditures of Emergency Assistance funds totaled \$187,900 or over 75% of the State total. A total of 2,616 cases, including 9,342 persons, received Emergency Assistance in this Fiscal Year.

CHART 4

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

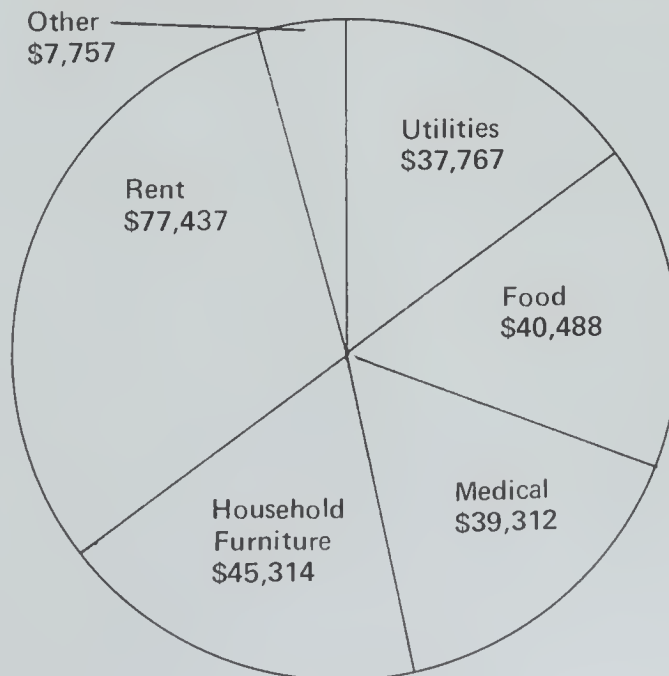


TABLE 7
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: NUMBER OF CASES, PERSONS
AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CASE FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

REGION & COUNTIES	TOTAL CASES	NUMBER OF			TOTAL PERSONS	TOTAL PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PER CASE
		CHILDREN	ADULTS				
TOTAL	2,616	6,059	3,283		9,342	\$248,381.46	\$94.95
Active ADC	725	1,907	747		2,654	74,723.21	103.07
Non-ADC	1,891	4,152	2,536		6,688	173,658.25	91.83
REGION I	24	72	41		113	8,044.38	335.18
Active ADC	3	10	4		14	209.44	69.81
Non-ADC	21	62	37		99	7,834.94	373.09
Box Butte	6	21	10		31	1,422.44	237.07
Active ADC	1	1	1		2	49.32	49.32
Non-ADC	5	20	9		29	1,373.12	274.62
Cheyenne Non-ADC	4	10	7		17	2,787.20	696.80
Scotts Bluff	14	41	24		65	3,834.74	273.91
Active ADC	2	9	3		12	160.12	80.06
Non-ADC	12	32	21		53	3,674.62	306.22
REGION II	9	28	13		41	3,470.05	385.56
Active ADC	4	11	4		15	665.50	166.38
Non-ADC	5	17	9		26	2,804.55	560.91
Chase Active ADC	1	3	1		4	95.67	95.67
Frontier Non-ADC	2	1	2		3	493.00	246.50
Lincoln	4	14	6		20	853.08	213.27
Active ADC	3	8	3		11	569.83	189.94
Non-ADC	1	6	3		9	283.25	283.25
Logan Non-ADC	1	7	2		9	1,900.80	1,900.80
Perkins Non-ADC	1	3	2		5	127.50	127.50
REGION III	181	403	289		692	21,703.89	119.91
Active ADC	14	34	17		51	3,153.60	225.26
Non-ADC	167	369	272		641	18,550.29	111.08
Adams Active ADC	1	1	--		1	2,322.05	2,322.05
Blaine Non-ADC	1	--	1		1	1,935.70	1,935.70
Buffalo	22	63	30		93	2,250.28	102.28
Active ADC	2	6	2		8	142.00	71.00
Non-ADC	20	57	28		85	2,108.28	105.41
Custer Non-ADC	3	5	3		8	4,736.55	1,578.85
Garfield Non-ADC	1	1	--		1	2,940.33	2,940.33
Hall	148	322	247		569	4,653.45	31.44
Active ADC	9	24	12		36	429.55	47.73
Non-ADC	139	298	235		533	4,223.90	30.39
Kearney	3	6	5		11	1,961.80	653.93
Active ADC	2	3	3		6	260.00	130.00
Non-ADC	1	3	2		5	1,701.80	1,701.80

TABLE 7 CONTINUED

Phelps Non-ADC	1	3	2	2	5	\$ 58.46	\$ 58.46
Valley Non-ADC	1	2	1	3	3	845.27	845.27
REGION IV Non-ADC	13	31	19	50	50	10,790.28	830.02
Antelope Non-ADC	3	8	5	13	13	3,674.95	1,224.98
Boyd Non-ADC	1	1	--	1	1	495.60	495.60
Cherry Non-ADC	2	7	6	13	13	2,098.17	1,049.08
Dakota Non-ADC	1	1	--	1	1	497.41	497.41
Holt Non-ADC	2	3	4	7	7	3,704.55	1,852.28
Madison Non-ADC	4	11	4	15	15	319.60	79.90
REGION V	168	443	274	717	717	16,139.52	96.07
Active ADC	19	52	21	73	73	1,927.39	101.44
Non-ADC	149	391	253	644	644	14,212.13	95.38
Fillmore Non-ADC	2	3	4	7	7	434.64	217.32
Gage Non-ADC	2	7	--	7	7	4,718.75	2,359.38
Lancaster	145	385	242	627	627	9,204.04	63.48
Active ADC	18	50	20	70	70	1,823.92	101.33
Non-ADC	127	335	222	557	557	7,380.12	58.11
Pawnee Non-ADC	1	1	2	3	3	84.54	84.54
Polk Non-ADC	1	5	1	6	6	7.87	7.87
Richardson Non-ADC	5	10	8	18	18	360.00	72.00
Saunders	9	26	11	37	37	780.24	86.69
Active ADC	1	2	1	3	3	103.47	103.47
Non-ADC	8	24	10	34	34	676.77	84.60
Seward Non-ADC	3	6	6	12	12	549.44	183.15
REGION VI	2,221	5,082	2,647	7,729	7,729	188,233.34	84.75
Active ADC	685	1,800	701	2,501	2,501	68,767.28	100.39
Non-ADC	1,536	3,282	1,946	5,228	5,228	119,466.06	77.78
Dodge	6	20	7	27	27	333.19	55.53
Active ADC	3	6	3	9	9	136.41	45.47
Non-ADC	3	14	4	18	18	196.78	65.59
Douglas	2,215	5,062	2,640	7,702	7,702	187,900.15	84.83
Active ADC	682	1,794	698	2,492	2,492	68,630.87	100.63
Non-ADC	1,533	3,268	1,942	5,210	5,210	119,269.28	77.80

III. A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

As fiscal year 1974 - 1975 progressed, work was begun on several major programs which will carry over into the next fiscal year. A brief description is given below.

The Title IV-D program is scheduled to begin implementation July 1, 1975. The statutory goals of Title IV-D are to enforce and obtain the support obligations owed by absent parents for their children, to locate absent parents, and to establish paternity for children. As a condition of eligibility, ADC parent or guardians will be required to assign child support rights to the State, cooperate in obtaining child support and in determining paternity. If the parent or guardian refuses to assign child support rights to the State, or cooperate, the parent will become ineligible for ADC and the parent's needs will not be considered in the budget. Children in these cases will continue to receive maintenance assistance in the form of protective payments. Title IV-D also provides some incentives to State and localities for cooperating with other States and localities in enforcing and obtaining child support. Nebraska will be required to provide Title IV-D service to any individual. However, a reasonable application fee may be imposed for non-assistance persons. To more efficiently implement Title IV-D regulations, a pilot study is to be conducted in four counties to test the new procedures involved. A computerized disbursement and notification system for the IV-D program is also planned.

A study to determine the feasibility of a consolidated standard of need for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories will be completed in time for possible implementation by July 1, 1976, if results are positive.

An Enumeration Program, scheduled for Fiscal Year 1975 - 1976, will provide Social Security numbers (SSNs) for all Public Assistance applicants who have no number, and verify numbers of those currently holding a number. The State agency will have the following functions: 1) validate existing Social Security Numbers when possible, 2) assist Welfare applicants and recipients in completing application for a Social Security Number, and 3) obtain evidence of age, identity, and U. S. citizenship or alien status, in support of SSN issuance or validation. The Department of Public Welfare will work with the Social Security Administration (SSA), which in turn will have the functions of 1) assigning SSNs to those individuals who do not have them, and 2) validating existing or alleged SSNs. Both agencies (SSA and the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare) will record SSNs in the State and Federal record systems.

The form for Application and Re-determination for Public Assistance, the DA-18, is being revised and is due to be implemented.

ADC recipients on Food Stamps will be given the option to have the purchase value withheld from their checks so Food Stamps may be sent directly to them.

Effective July 1, 1975, a Food Stamp Outreach Program will be implemented to inform all low income households, potentially eligible to receive Food Stamps, of the availability and benefits of the program. The Outreach Services to be provided will be: a) location and referral of potential Food Stamp recipients, b) counseling in regard to the Food Stamp Program, c) assistance in establishing Food Stamp eligibility, d) transportation for Food Stamp purposes, e) a member of the Outreach agency to act as an authorized representative for recipients if necessary, and f) nutritional education to Food Stamp households.

Corrective actions to combat ADC error rates are planned by the Division of Income Maintenance and Field Services. Analysis has been started to identify types of cases for selective review which would produce the greatest reduction in Quality Control errors. With the planned implementation of programs such as the Title IV-D, Enumeration and increased verification requirements, a computerized budget system is being developed to provide optimum usage of time. Optimum caseload and performance standards are being defined to provide county administration with a better method of determining staff requirements and performance leading to more efficient use of administrative dollars.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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II. SERVICES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

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I. TITLE XIX - FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975

Overview and Fiscal Year Highlights

Fiscal Year 1974-1975 marked the ninth year of the Nebraska Medical Assistance Program since implementation of Title XIX (Medicaid) in July, 1966. The program, which provides payments to medical vendors on the behalf of both categorical and medically needy, covers a complete range of medical services.

Basic services, as well as most optional Title XIX medical services, are provided under the State Medicaid Program. Medical care and services offered include:

Diagnostic, preventative, remedial and rehabilitative services within licensure of practitioners licensed to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, optometry, nursing, physical therapy or Early and Periodic Screening of children

In-Patient hospital care

Out-Patient hospital care

Laboratory and x-ray services

Skilled nursing home services

Intermediate care services

Home health care services

Transfusions

Clinic Services

Prescribed drugs, prosthetic devices, appliances and health aids

Audiology or speech services

Care in institutions for mental diseases and tuberculosis if patients are 65 years of age or older

Care in a medical facility attached to or a part of the State Institution for the Mentally Retarded if patients are 16 years of age and blind or 18 years of age and disabled

Family planning

A major objective of the Medical Services Division is to insure that eligible recipients receive necessary medical care and services. Major consideration is given to: 1) Those medical services which will enable the patient to attain the maximum self-sufficiency possible in his physical, mental and social state. 2) Early diagnosis, treatment and prevention for pediatric conditions and progressive illness in adults. 3) The improvement of health care quality for all citizens through control via the Medicaid system. 4) Assurance that abuse of the program by overutilization and illegal activities is kept at the lowest possible level. 5) The enhancement of and encouragement of total accessibility to health services for all citizens.

With increased assistance of electronic data processing, the Division has intensified its utilization control. Patient care which exceeds established parameters is identified by computer for professional review. Examples: 1) A patient obtaining four or more restricted drugs, particularly those prescribed by more than one physician and dispensed by more than one pharmacist. 2) Patients identified by age, diagnosis and treatment for in-patient hospital care when length of stay exceeds the norm.

Also, as a product of computerization during this period, the Medical Services Division made a drastic change in philosophy of third-party liability. This was approached from both claims of insurance and also the requirement for the uninsured to pay for losses for which he was responsible. The insurance claims were primarily in the field of automobile accidents, workmen's compensation and homeowners' policies. In the area of individual responsibility, concentration was on assailant's liability, rather than recipient negligence.

Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)

The overall objective of MMIS is to improve the capability of the Department to administer its Medicaid Program in a more efficient and effective manner. To accomplish this objective, major attention has been focused on an effective system to process and validate provider claims, to provide needed provider and processing personnel training, and to provide for collection of necessary information for proper planning and control of the Medicaid Program.

To date the project has completed several major goals. Among them are the installation of a revised provider master file; a totally revised drug processing system; automated processing of joint Medicare/Medicaid practitioner payment; installation of Hospital Length of Stay parameters; introduction of an automated Nursing Home Turnaround Document; and the installation of a new Practitioner claim form system.

Use of a fully automated payment system shortens the payment interval for submitted claims and computer checks for errors tighten the Financial control of the Medicaid Program. Information generated as a by-product of the payment process also aids in the control and management of the program.

It is expected that the MMIS System will be in full operation early in 1976 and that final Federal certification will be obtained in May, 1976.

Future Outlook

- The Medical Services Division plans a continued emphasis on the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program for eligible recipients under age 21. Plans are being developed to intensify training of county personnel in outreach, including the development of bilingual materials stressing the need for treatment of conditions which prevent normal childhood growth and activity or chronic problems of adulthood. The Division plans to screen 1,000 eligible children each month and increase dental care provided to eligible children by 25 percent.
- New regulations in pharmacy, long term care and related health services will require the Division to optimize cost avoidance through greater control. Utilization Review and Medicaid Quality Control are aspects of the continuing effort to achieve this aim.
- With the rapid rise in new mental health facilities, the Division will be working to maximize fiscal resources and attempting to assure the adequate provision of care for eligible citizens with mental disabilities.

Program and Administrative Expenditures

In Fiscal Year 1966-1967, the first year of the Title XIX Program, an average of 15,054 (unduplicated) persons per month had claims paid on their behalf to medical providers. By Fiscal Year 1974-1975 that number had doubled and an average of 32,480 persons had claims processed each month through the payment system.

Costs for medical services provided by the State Program have increased each year. In the first year of the Title XIX Program, payments of \$17,549,000 were made to medical services providers. Fiscal Year 1974-1975 direct expenditures amounted to \$54,368,000, thus while the average monthly number of persons has doubled, medical service costs have more than tripled since Fiscal Year 1966-1967, primarily due to inflation.

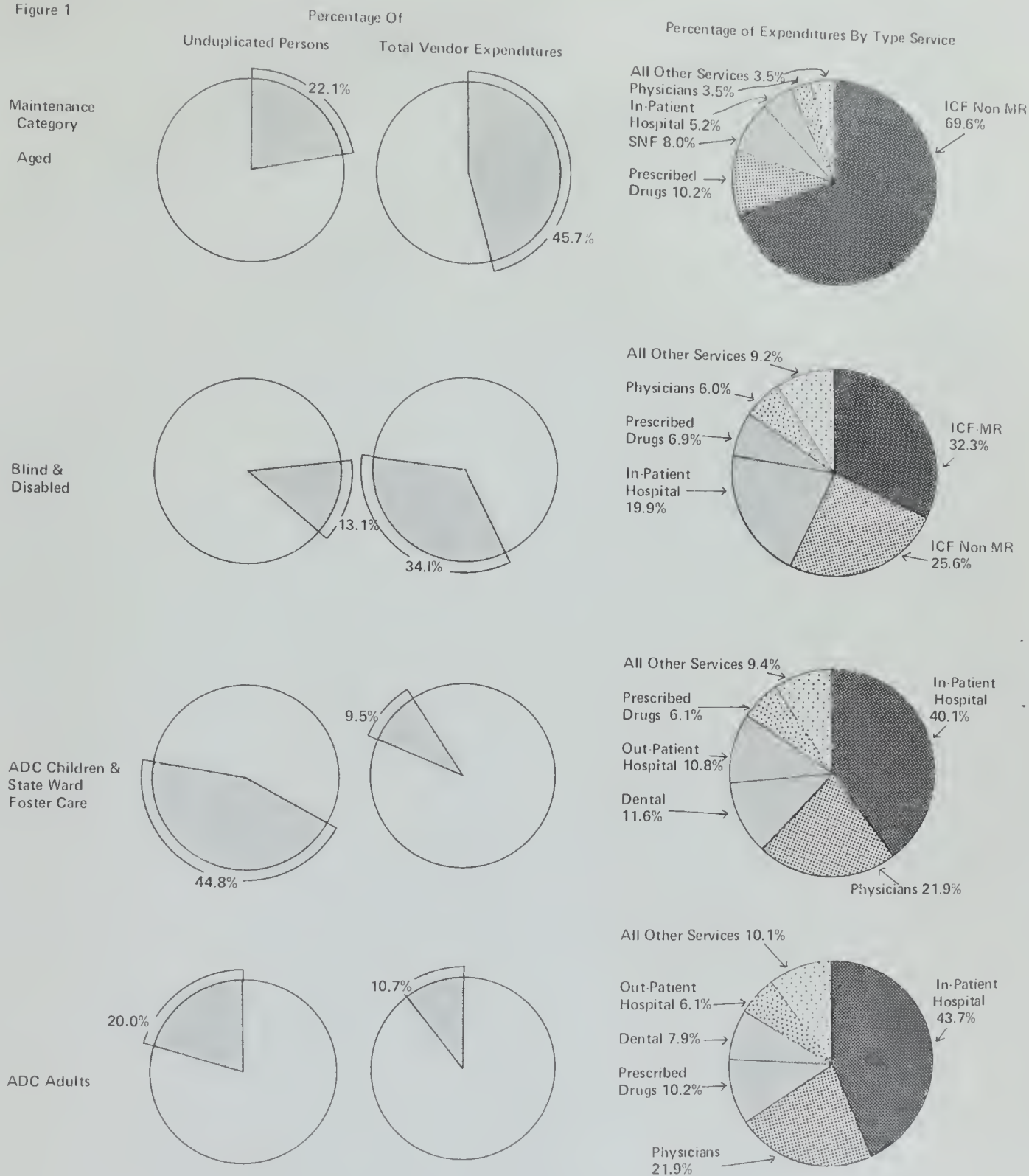
The table below sets out the total program costs for Title XIX during the Fiscal Year. Expenditures include vendor payments paid through the medical payments system, final settlements paid to hospitals, direct voucher payments, and SMIB premiums paid for an average of 6,919 persons per month.

Reimbursements were for refunds and cancellations of vendor payments and institutional refunds from the Department of Public Institutions to the Department of Public Welfare.

Medical Administrative expenditures (Including MMIS but exclusive of computer support costs) amounted to \$737,740 for the Fiscal Year or approximately 1.3% of net program costs. Net program costs to the counties, as expended, amounted to \$9,972,700 or 18.1% for this Fiscal Year. Federal and State shares of net program expenditures were \$33,793,200 (61.4%) and \$11,276,400 (20.5%) respectively.

TABLE 1 TOTAL TITLE XIX PROGRAM COSTS FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975 (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)		
Expenditures:		
Vendor and Direct Voucher Payments	\$54.4	
Hospital Settlements	2.9	
SMIB Premiums	0.6	
		\$57.9
Reimbursements:		
Institutional Refunds	\$2.6	
Refunds and Cancellations	0.3	
		(2.9)
Net Program Costs		\$55.0

Figure 1



Medical assistance under Title XIX is provided for eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals, dependent children (including Foster Care) and adults in families with dependent children. Summary statistics for Fiscal Year 1974 1975 are presented for the various categories. In two instances categories have been combined because of their relatively small number of persons.

The Fiscal Year average cost per person for Title XIX expenditures was \$774.57. In the separate maintenance categories, however, the average cost per person varied widely. The highest average was the Disabled Category with \$2,026.41 per person, while the lowest average was in the ADC Children category, at \$162.79. Other averages for the remaining categories were as follows: Aged, \$1,601.45; Blind, \$1,479.13; ADC Adults, \$414.51, and State Ward Foster Care, \$311.72. The higher averages in the Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories reflect the large institutional expenditures made on their behalf.

TABLE 2 TITLE XIX PERSONS AND EXPENDITURES BY MAINTENANCE CATEGORY AND MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS STATUS - FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975						
	TOTAL		Persons Receiving An ADC Maintenance Payment, A State Supplement and/or SSI		Persons Not Receiving An ADC Maintenance Payment, A State Supplement and/or SSI	
	Persons	Expenditures	Persons	Expenditures	Persons	Expenditures
TOTAL	70,192	\$54,368,469	56,945	\$29,123,424	13,247	\$25,245,044
AGED, BLIND & DISABLED	24,748	43,385,903	14,201	19,057,129	10,547	24,328,774
Aged	15,521	24,856,115	7,177	6,491,306	8,344	18,364,809
Blind	304	448,135	241	299,607	63	148,528
Disabled	8,923	18,081,653	6,783	12,266,216	2,140	5,815,437
ADC TOTALS	45,444	10,982,565	42,744	10,066,295	2,700	916,270
Children *	31,063	5,056,720	29,507	4,678,152	1,556	378,568
Adults	14,039	5,819,238	13,192	5,376,304	847	442,934
STATE WARD FOSTER CARE	342	106,608	45	11,840	297	94,768

* Includes ADC Foster Care

Medical Services - Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975

Taken together, ICF Other and ICF Mental Retardation medical services account for over half of all Title XIX Vendor expenditures, approximately \$28,165,000 during the Fiscal Year. In-Patient Hospital, Prescribed Drugs and Physicians' Services account for another 34% of the total expenditures. Institutional care is clearly the most expensive type of service with average costs ranging from over \$1,800 per person for Skilled Nursing Facilities to over \$6,500 per person for ICF Mental Retardation Facilities. The total average cost per person, \$670 in Fiscal Year 1973-1974, rose to almost \$775 per person in Fiscal Year 1974-1975. Inflation accounted for approximately three-fourths of the increase in costs. The remaining portion of the increase was due to a 1.3% increase in the number of (unduplicated) persons from 69,276 to 70,192, and increased utilization of services.

TABLE 3 MEDICAL SERVICES: AVERAGE COST PER PERSON BY TYPE SERVICE AND PERCENTAGE OF VENDOR EXPENDITURES BY TYPE SERVICE		
Type Service	Average Cost Per Person	Percentage Of Vendor Expenditures
ICF Other	\$2,433.38	40.6%
In-Patient Hospital		
General Hospital	595.04	
Mental Hospital	4,928.61	17.7
ICF-MR	6,534.16	11.2
Prescribed Drugs	92.33	8.7
Physicians Services	80.88	8.1
SNF	1,813.39	4.5
Dental	99.60	2.7
Out-Patient Hospital	56.63	2.5
Laboratory & Radiology	31.52	1.6
Other Care*	79.87	
Other Practitioners	33.86	
Early/Periodic Screening	16.84	
Family Planning	138.16	2.4
Clinic Services	25.45	
Home Health	123.80	
Total	\$774.57	100.0%

* Includes Physical Therapy, medical supplies, ambulance service, oxygen, blood, equipment, etc.

TABLE 4 *TITLE XIX - PERSONS AND EXPENDITURES BY MAINTENANCE CATEGORY AND TYPE OF SERVICE - FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

MEDICAL SERVICE	TOTAL	AGED	BLIND	DISABLED	ADC CHILDREN	ADC ADULTS	STATE WARD FOSTER CARE
Unduplicated Total Persons	70,192	15,521	304	8,923	31,063	14,039	342
Expenditures	\$54,368,469	\$24,856,115	\$448,135	\$18,081,653	\$5,056,720	\$5,819,238	\$106,608
In-Patient General Hospital Persons	15,378	4,160	77	2,566	4,599	3,931	45
Expenditures	\$9,150,495	\$844,775	\$38,784	\$3,648,521	\$2,027,882	\$2,545,703	\$44,830
In-Patient Mental Hospital Persons	92	92	--	--	--	--	--
Expenditures	\$453,432	\$453,432	--	--	--	--	--
Skilled Nursing Facility Persons	1,371	1,107	7	251	2	4	--
Expenditures	\$2,486,153	\$1,992,616	\$12,199	\$479,875	\$762	\$701	--
ICF Mentally Retarded Persons	932	17	11	903	1	--	--
Expenditures	\$6,089,839	\$93,322	\$97,496	\$5,894,495	\$4,526	--	--
ICF Non-Mentally Retarded Persons	9,072	7,304	77	1,678	3	6	4
Expenditures	\$22,075,601	\$17,310,867	\$205,512	\$4,537,780	\$9,212	\$6,505	\$5,725
Physicians Persons	54,307	13,238	238	6,806	22,502	11,257	266
Expenditures	\$4,392,088	\$868,990	\$26,417	\$1,090,825	\$1,109,146	\$1,273,285	\$23,425
Dental Services Persons	14,634	1,132	47	1,631	7,946	3,744	134
Expenditures	\$1,457,566	\$157,316	\$5,975	\$230,483	\$591,532	\$462,602	\$9,658
Other Practitioners Persons	11,942	3,343	45	1,974	3,554	2,956	70
Expenditures	\$404,368	\$104,911	\$1,480	\$79,913	\$105,162	\$110,611	\$2,291
Out-Patient Hospital Persons	24,338	4,160	101	2,924	11,533	5,505	115
Expenditures	\$1,378,216	\$140,774	\$11,418	\$313,442	\$550,262	\$356,506	\$5,814
Clinic Services Persons	1,529	146	2	262	822	297	--
Expenditures	\$38,909	\$2,810	\$22	\$11,346	\$17,369	\$7,362	--
Laboratory & Radiology Persons	27,658	4,739	124	4,108	9,964	8,564	159
Expenditures	\$871,680	\$68,322	\$5,162	\$273,452	\$185,562	\$335,096	\$4,086
Home Health Services Persons	66	56	1	9	--	--	--
Expenditures	\$8,172	\$4,675	\$15	\$3,482	--	--	--
Prescribed Drugs Persons	51,075	13,636	232	6,870	18,599	11,530	208
Expenditures	\$4,715,732	\$2,528,849	\$36,904	\$1,244,434	\$306,641	\$591,798	\$7,106
Screening Services Persons	5,894	--	--	--	5,869	--	25
Expenditures	\$99,269	--	--	--	\$98,881	--	\$388
Family Planning Persons	692	1	2	24	54	610	1
Expenditures	\$95,610	\$17	\$50	\$2,214	\$8,835	\$84,479	\$15
Other Medical Persons	8,155	4,346	75	1,804	946	950	34
Expenditures	\$651,339	\$284,439	\$6,701	\$271,391	\$40,948	\$44,590	\$3,270

Physicians' Services and Prescribed Drugs were the two services utilized by the greatest number of persons. The average number of different services utilized by all persons was 3.2 services per (unduplicated) person. ADC Children and Foster Care (combined) had the smallest average with 2.8 services per person and the Aged category the largest at 3.7 services per person.

* All items regarding persons are unduplicated for the Fiscal Year, i.e., for each service a person was counted only once regardless of the number of times that medical service was utilized. The column sum of persons will not match the unduplicated total number of persons in each column since a person may have utilized more than one medical service during the year. For any particular medical service however, the row total will be the sum of the items in that row because the maintenance categories are mutually exclusive.

Note: The total expenditures figures on the two preceding expenditure tables were compiled using a modified computer program. As a result, the county table, which was compiled from the monthly medical payments data generated by an older program, differs slightly from the other two expenditure tables. Also, Medicare deductibles were included in the service category "Other Care" on the county table. Due to the computer program modification, these payments were distributed to appropriate service categories in Table 4 and were not included in "Other Care".

TABLE 5

TITLE XIX EXPENDITURES* BY TYPE OF SERVICE FOR THE REGIONS AND COUNTIES
FISCAL YEAR: 1974 - 1975

Region & Counties	Total	HOSPITALS		Skilled Nursing Facility	ICF		Physicians Services	Dental	Prescribed Drugs	Other
		In-Patient	Out-Patient		Mentally Retarded	Non-Mentally Retarded				
TOTAL	\$54,356,182	\$9,003,829	\$1,221,354	\$2,473,006	\$6,089,881	\$22,075,601	\$3,774,396	\$1,457,570	\$4,708,123	\$3,552,422
REGION I	3,465,732	391,120	31,591	228,700	417,038	1,471,719	278,062	90,172	334,167	223,163
Banner	8,892	1,300	--	--	--	6,222	133	--	737	500
Box Butte	290,173	17,027	2,081	32,278	53,233	126,883	13,906	5,301	25,492	13,972
Cheyenne	337,115	49,419	4,013	11,747	45,481	128,252	22,274	9,623	40,045	26,261
Dawes	260,418	8,688	1,034	67,974	24,917	112,126	8,493	2,822	23,045	11,319
Deuel	92,975	5,821	1,037	4,147	--	64,205	4,491	1,131	8,221	3,922
Garden	102,251	3,398	942	--	19,115	52,630	5,193	1,612	13,373	5,988
Kimball	193,159	28,567	1,632	255	51,052	59,295	19,543	4,569	16,911	11,335
Morrill	354,131	28,179	938	5,309	38,817	212,510	19,110	5,520	27,149	16,599
Scotts Bluff	1,514,192	213,036	18,340	96,902	153,506	545,156	166,748	53,124	151,418	115,962
Sheridan	258,261	30,784	1,264	--	22,840	142,041	16,938	4,674	24,496	15,224
Sioux	54,165	4,901	310	10,088	8,077	22,399	1,233	1,796	3,280	2,081
REGION II	2,917,057	309,239	21,805	43,411	413,712	1,462,487	141,351	68,477	286,977	169,598
Chase	144,655	15,142	1,269	--	12,700	81,174	8,158	2,697	14,075	9,440
Dawson	719,800	58,014	4,273	--	149,661	342,791	30,726	17,125	74,279	42,931
Dundy	141,222	12,020	8	3,917	26,324	69,942	3,117	1,759	16,771	7,364
Frontier	134,556	7,798	130	508	1,040	106,226	4,129	988	8,894	4,843
Gosper	50,871	1,808	225	--	6,395	33,528	1,658	1,599	3,481	2,177
Grant	8,427	1,169	171	--	--	3,012	1,464	174	1,931	506
Hayes	45,429	26	22	--	17,003	23,668	669	704	2,290	1,047
Hitchcock	135,829	3,673	575	--	13,524	95,840	2,237	1,797	12,033	6,150
Hooker	45,405	337	87	15,450	7,263	15,744	957	336	3,701	1,530
Keith/Arthur	210,920	18,856	729	--	27,303	111,895	11,137	2,702	24,452	13,846
Lincoln	864,822	139,683	11,487	23,536	99,541	350,071	62,941	30,787	89,732	57,044
Logan	36,189	1,036	40	--	22,323	9,513	896	350	791	1,240
McPherson	7,550	3,100	99	--	--	132	2,162	191	641	1,225
Perkins	110,944	7,807	220	--	13,478	71,919	2,698	2,359	8,505	3,958
Red Willow	222,451	36,085	2,229	--	17,157	120,761	7,667	4,530	20,627	13,395
Thomas	37,987	2,685	241	--	--	26,271	735	379	4,774	2,902
REGION III	7,361,601	574,210	46,508	92,627	827,726	4,144,294	322,600	174,310	765,402	413,934
Adams	913,402	111,555	7,379	18,323	125,120	439,909	44,361	30,785	84,004	51,966
Blaine	21,177	965	322	304	1,756	12,404	823	1,427	1,999	1,177
Buffalo	805,281	46,538	4,355	--	97,588	457,276	32,676	15,737	102,932	48,179
Clay	385,686	22,349	2,008	3,666	38,505	244,559	13,329	8,736	34,663	17,871
Custer	657,855	31,651	2,587	3,438	78,546	404,053	16,978	17,237	70,589	32,776
Franklin	229,902	12,824	952	--	23,218	140,327	7,686	3,374	27,559	13,962
Furnas	293,084	9,175	1,185	--	8,128	212,458	9,817	3,978	31,473	16,870
Garfield	76,863	1,250	166	3,517	7,686	50,901	797	526	7,859	4,161
Greeley	157,754	2,350	380	--	27,149	91,923	3,169	5,936	16,650	10,197
Hall	1,366,953	180,348	13,981	27,465	157,631	597,379	106,254	44,592	143,937	95,366
Hamilton	251,674	24,752	2,012	--	9,753	158,191	12,269	5,221	28,471	11,005
Harlan	189,810	9,580	633	--	8,480	129,296	6,366	5,189	20,309	9,957
Howard	192,317	11,725	1,490	--	23,283	116,435	5,609	7,627	16,971	9,177
Kearney	195,247	7,014	982	--	43,518	115,131	5,590	2,379	13,230	7,403
Loup	29,633	460	20	--	--	24,936	561	397	2,347	912
Merrick	324,271	35,308	2,481	720	11,464	204,885	13,926	6,188	31,671	17,628

Nuckolls	\$308,216	\$7,529	\$2,269	\$5,642	\$40,180	\$190,041	\$9,289	\$2,016	\$36,332	\$14,918
Phelps	258,610	15,866	816	--	30,378	143,165	14,373	5,172	29,940	18,900
Sherman	207,333	5,111	279	1,332	33,680	131,444	3,264	3,006	18,633	10,584
Valley	154,504	9,308	339	--	24,168	84,244	6,514	2,917	17,684	9,330
Webster	294,962	24,660	1,839	25,004	22,561	175,388	7,827	1,733	25,534	10,416
Wheeler	47,067	3,892	33	3,216	14,934	19,939	1,122	137	2,615	1,179
REGION IV	6,542,706	563,528	23,774	85,579	938,149	3,770,831	214,097	87,822	540,241	318,685
Antelope	342,466	25,973	1,637	96	48,696	195,092	14,701	5,403	28,904	21,964
Boone	403,278	75,254	1,609	9,624	48,505	208,483	5,737	4,073	38,293	11,700
Boyd	146,968	10,184	404	1,243	11,344	89,544	6,407	744	15,621	11,477
Brown	129,773	8,234	661	--	36,510	53,973	8,077	1,905	10,519	9,894
Burt	358,581	12,629	1,243	4,505	48,738	228,816	14,559	6,255	28,854	12,982
Cedar	429,303	25,146	890	5,958	42,177	282,003	15,150	4,354	36,054	17,571
Cherry	160,934	30,235	954	--	10,480	80,675	13,389	3,490	10,910	10,801
Colfax	326,065	17,536	1,694	19,897	61,112	173,387	6,219	2,665	25,517	18,038
Cuming	359,637	5,218	703	--	85,184	219,420	4,974	2,128	24,923	17,087
Dakota	410,797	57,546	2,414	--	70,366	193,170	24,684	9,236	34,814	18,567
Dixon	36,200	801	801	464	23,214	109,992	7,239	2,550	18,695	6,508
Holt	498,911	48,375	2,425	567	68,812	296,065	12,807	7,376	37,057	25,427
Keya Paha	16,769	--	--	--	--	12,708	298	123	2,675	965
Knox	528,522	30,384	661	5,604	26,668	355,652	17,184	5,287	53,258	33,824
Madison	717,925	65,832	2,981	7,239	88,835	421,478	23,528	15,702	55,276	37,054
Nance	216,416	4,652	1,438	217	42,544	128,573	5,141	1,347	23,586	8,918
Pierce	279,349	23,935	798	--	27,164	186,118	4,995	2,469	21,826	12,044
Platte	449,430	52,438	1,026	22,607	120,933	195,939	13,435	4,752	23,827	14,473
Rock	64,343	3,412	72	2,975	2,490	40,598	2,059	708	7,554	4,475
Stanton	172,346	2,373	213	658	47,518	100,570	1,812	1,849	11,237	6,116
Thurston	141,769	9,348	993	1,951	7,866	81,644	7,856	3,587	18,706	9,818
Wayne	183,461	18,624	157	1,974	18,993	116,931	3,846	1,819	12,135	8,982
REGION V	11,342,027	1,099,892	102,103	388,277	1,528,336	5,406,536	684,967	266,342	1,024,120	841,454
Butler	290,801	13,106	960	18,597	22,695	169,676	11,126	3,324	32,894	18,423
Cass	329,746	46,639	2,972	24,340	57,358	128,565	17,515	7,401	29,485	15,471
Fillmore	333,820	10,839	422	--	68,407	193,255	10,965	4,342	26,057	19,533
Gage	795,055	32,009	2,298	51,214	131,033	412,279	28,753	16,365	72,836	48,268
Jefferson	426,791	15,244	1,093	12,324	61,335	249,061	14,399	5,781	39,321	28,233
Johnson	159,527	11,252	242	--	16,582	99,252	3,329	2,262	20,324	6,284
Lancaster	4,822,818	705,361	74,051	260,774	572,622	1,683,823	437,978	166,054	440,528	481,627
Nemaha	445,631	37,857	2,488	2,649	64,163	250,981	18,208	2,616	38,868	27,801
Otoe	586,611	22,499	4,169	--	104,730	336,331	20,318	120,083	50,896	35,585
Pawnee	199,571	6,928	340	--	62,161	104,533	4,667	580	12,804	7,558
Polk	212,469	8,877	912	816	23,085	140,391	4,913	1,086	17,649	14,740
Richardson	595,732	51,383	3,122	540	74,082	317,939	30,855	14,661	67,627	35,523
Saline	462,362	36,441	1,569	--	32,806	305,079	14,038	5,159	46,740	20,530
Saunders	422,708	29,655	2,674	9,373	55,050	241,757	18,335	10,860	30,881	24,123
Seward	485,854	17,073	1,046	7,650	57,660	306,349	20,145	5,998	42,472	27,461
Thayer	405,749	18,316	1,490	--	55,167	277,941	9,542	2,787	28,968	11,538
York	366,782	36,413	2,255	--	69,400	189,324	19,881	4,983	25,770	18,756
REGION VI	20,502,031	5,410,255	919,439	1,583,150	1,868,157	5,118,667	1,889,371	681,412	1,607,485	1,424,095
Dodge	754,232	57,589	4,463	10,261	115,827	421,803	28,853	11,459	66,183	37,794
Douglas	19,022,989	5,274,318	896,693	1,519,441	1,682,280	4,402,949	1,809,518	639,662	1,468,971	1,329,157
Sarpy	482,108	62,608	12,356	39,215	33,137	171,482	40,938	26,990	52,076	43,306
Washington	242,702	15,740	5,927	14,233	36,913	122,433	10,062	3,301	20,255	13,838
No Legal Settlement	2,090,224	598,946	68,633	51,262	96,763	693,552	215,222	75,940	141,056	148,850
State Wards	134,804	56,639	7,501	--	--	7,525	28,726	13,095	8,675	12,643

* Due to rounding figures may not sum vertically or horizontally.

II. SERVICES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Program of Services for Crippled Children provides specialized medical care for children in Nebraska who have certain crippling conditions or conditions which may lead to crippling. Any unmarried child or young adult under the age of 21 years will be given a diagnostic and/or consultative evaluation upon request. All follow up care is provided on a prior authorized basis after eligibility is determined. In Fiscal Year 1974-1975 a total of 3,517 children were certified by Services For Crippled Children to receive care.

Approximately 25 traveling clinics are arranged and staffed by Services for Crippled Children each year for the purpose of locating and serving children in areas outside of Lincoln and Omaha. The operation of these clinics is made possible with the help of the County Divisions of Public Welfare and the members of Elks Lodges and the Does. Many children in the Lincoln and Omaha area are served through permanent clinics. Some initial and most of the follow-up care is arranged with individual specialists.

Fiscal Year 1974-1975 saw an approximate decrease of 7% in certified diagnostic conditions and caseload, however, program costs increased about 12%. The decrease in caseload was primarily due to decreases in four program areas—heart, cerebral palsy, oral plastics, and orthopedic caseloads. These decreases were due to several factors including: 1) more careful screening for financial eligibility, 2) closing of cases where no care was being provided due to a resolution of the medical problem, 3) the parent's willingness to provide minor follow up care, and 4) other factors that indicated that the parents were less interested in the program. Closing of inactive cases has resulted in more comprehensive medical social services being provided to the active caseload.

The programs providing services for Eye conditions and Birth Defects displayed very little change in caseload size although costs decreased substantially on a percentage basis for this past fiscal year. The Eye Program is relatively new and it is felt that most children for whom surgery was deferred prior to implementation of this SCC program have now received the needed care.

A Major Medical Program was instituted in February 1974 as the tenth medical program administered by Services for Crippled Children. This program covers many serious conditions which involve financial expenditures, but are not covered by other Services for Crippled Children programs. It is anticipated that the Major Medical Program will be the most expensive program since referrals are being received at the rate of over 250 per year. The conditions covered are usually extremely serious and require expensive and/or long term hospitalization.

Total expenditures for the Crippled Children Program amounted to \$1,247,974 in Fiscal Year 1974-1975, with \$179,170 in Administrative Expenditures and \$1,068,804 in Program Expenditures. Table 6 details the Program Expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

TABLE 6 CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975	
Cystic Fibrosis.....	\$27,707
Oral Plastics.....	142,625
Heart.....	67,622
Orthopedic.....	272,663
Cerebral Palsy.....	57,874
Major Medical.....	200,591
Eye Care.....	9,153
Hearing.....	36,603
Birth Defects.....	105,429
Beatrice State Home.....	22,655
Appliances.....	54,027
Neoplasms.....	71,855
Total Program Expenditures.....	\$1,068,804



TABLE 7

CHILDREN CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE SERVICES,
ADDED AND CLOSED, FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975

Children at beginning of year	2,868
Added during the year	649
New	589
Reopened	60
Total children during year	3,517
Closed during the year	862
Reasons for closing:	
Maximum benefit	186
Private care	74
Not interested in further care	124
Married	17
21 years of age	54
Deceased	64
Financially ineligible	154
Moved from the state	103
Other reasons	86
Children under care at the end of year	2,655

TABLE 8

DIAGNOSTIC CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE
DURING FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

	DIAGNOSTIC CONDITIONS										
	Total*	Oral Plastics	Cerebral Palsy	Cardiac	Ortho- pedic	Cystic Fibrosis	Eye Unit	Midline Birth Defects	Hearing	Leukemia	Major Medical
Total during year	4,163	487	594	648	1,637	48	149	134	243	43	180
Forwarded from previous year	3,355	443	514	567	1,363	43	108	103	151	21	42
Added during year	808	44	80	81	274	5	41	31	92	22	138
Closed during year	1,030	97	127	179	434	4	42	23	39	17	68
Total at end of year	3,133	390	467	469	1,203	44	107	111	204	26	112

* There are more diagnostic conditions than children because a child may have more than one diagnostic condition.

TABLE 9 SERVICES EXTENDED TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN THROUGH HOSPITAL CARE
FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

	TYPE OF CASE										
	Total	Oral Plastics	Cerebral Palsy	Cardiac	Ortho- pedic	Cystic Fibrosis	Eye Unit	Midline Birth Defects	Hearing	Leukemia	Major Medical
Total patients during year	729	128	49	119	184	15	23	38	36	41	96
In hospital 7-1-74	18	1	0	2	8	0	0	2	0	3	2
Admitted during year	711	127	49	117	176	15	23	36	36	38	94
New	564	112	47	97	126	9	19	25	33	17	79
Readmitted	147	15	2	20	50	6	4	11	3	21	15
Discharged during year	725	128	48	118	182	15	23	38	36	41	96
In hospital end of year	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Days care provided	7,803	692	255	989	2,025	175	80	782	85	520	2,200
Average period of hospitalization	10.7	5.4	5.2	8.3	11.0	11.7	3.5	20.6	2.4	12.7	22.9

TABLE 10 CHILDREN CERTIFIED TO RECEIVE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THEIR DIAGNOSTIC CONDITIONS BY REGION, BY COUNTY, JUNE 30, 1975

Region & Counties	Number Of Children	Total Diagnostic Conditions	DIAGNOSTIC CONDITIONS									
			Cleft Palate	Cerebral Palsy	Cardiac	Ortho- pedic	Cystic Fibrosis	Eye Condition	Midline Birth Defects	Hearing	Leukemia	Major Medical
TOTAL	2,655	3,133*	390	467	469	1,203	44	107	111	204	26	112
REGION I	218	255	27	27	34	107	4	4	5	32	1	14
Banner	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Box Butte	20	22	1	4	2	9	--	--	--	5	--	1
Cheyenne	27	35	4	3	5	20	1	1	--	1	--	--
Dawes	13	16	4	1	4	5	1	--	--	--	--	1
Deuel	9	13	1	1	1	5	--	--	--	5	--	--
Garden	7	8	2	--	1	4	--	--	--	1	--	--
Kimball	10	16	3	2	5	4	--	--	--	1	--	1
Morrill	11	14	--	--	1	8	--	1	--	4	--	--
Scotts Bluff	104	112	10	15	13	41	2	2	4	15	1	9
Sheridan	16	18	1	1	2	11	--	--	1	--	--	2
Sioux	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION II	218	263	38	33	36	99	4	6	7	26	1	13
Arthur	2	2	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chase	10	15	1	2	1	7	--	1	1	2	--	--
Dawson	47	55	13	6	7	20	--	--	2	4	--	--
Dundy	1	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	3
Frontier	5	5	--	--	1	3	--	--	--	--	--	1
Gosper	4	6	--	1	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grant	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hayes	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hitchcock	6	9	1	1	2	1	--	--	--	2	--	2
Hooker	3	4	--	1	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	--
Keith	17	22	4	6	2	6	1	1	2	--	--	--
Lincoln	88	101	12	11	15	34	3	3	2	13	1	7
Logan	1	2	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
McPherson	5	6	1	1	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Perkins	7	7	1	1	3	1	--	--	--	1	--	--
Red Willow	16	21	4	2	2	10	--	1	--	2	--	--
Thomas	4	4	--	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION III	352	407	58	41	69	141	4	15	13	40	5	21
Adams	38	39	4	2	3	16	1	3	1	5	2	2
Blaine	2	3	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	--
Buffalo	52	62	5	8	13	13	--	1	5	11	--	6
Clay	15	17	3	1	3	3	--	--	--	4	--	3
Custer	33	38	7	3	8	13	--	3	--	3	1	--
Franklin	5	8	2	--	1	2	--	1	1	1	--	--
Furnas	8	9	1	2	2	2	--	--	1	--	--	1
Garfield	3	6	1	2	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	2
Greeley	9	12	1	2	2	3	--	1	2	--	--	--
Hall	80	86	11	6	17	41	1	3	2	3	1	1
Hamilton	11	14	3	1	2	6	--	1	2	--	--	--
Harlan	7	7	1	3	2	1	--	1	--	1	--	--
Howard	7	8	2	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Kearney	6	7	--	2	2	2	--	1	--	4	--	--
Loup	4	6	1	2	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Merrick	15	16	4	1	4	4	--	--	1	1	--	1

TABLE 10 CONTINUED

Nuckolls	9	9	1	67	61	70	142	2	16	13	35	5	19	2
Phelps	16	22	4	4	4	3	8	1	-	-	3	-	-	1
Sherman	4	4	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valley	12	13	-	1	1	1	8	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Webster	15	20	3	-	-	4	9	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Wheeler	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION IV	380	430	67	67	61	70	142	2	16	13	35	5	19	2
Antelope	18	23	1	1	5	5	6	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Boone	13	16	4	4	2	2	5	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Boyd	9	10	1	1	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Brown	17	17	2	2	1	1	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burt	13	13	2	2	4	2	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-
Cedar	30	31	4	4	8	5	10	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Cherry	14	15	5	5	2	4	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Colfax	16	16	2	2	2	2	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cuming	10	10	4	4	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	25	29	5	5	6	5	3	-	4	-	1	-	-	-
Dixon	9	10	2	2	1	4	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Holt	23	28	4	4	-	7	13	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
Keya Paha	6	7	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Knox	21	28	4	4	2	2	10	-	-	2	6	1	-	-
Madison	42	51	7	7	8	8	16	-	-	6	1	-	-	-
Nance	8	9	-	-	1	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pierce	14	15	3	3	2	3	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Platte	38	45	5	5	6	4	18	-	3	-	4	1	-	-
Rock	16	17	5	5	1	-	9	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Stanton	18	19	4	4	2	4	4	-	2	1	1	1	-	-
Thurston	16	17	2	2	4	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wayne	4	4	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
REGION V	595	701	83	83	59	89	337	11	30	29	26	7	30	11
Butler	14	18	3	3	1	1	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cass	21	23	2	2	3	3	8	-	2	1	2	1	-	-
Fillmore	6	9	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gage	21	22	6	6	1	5	5	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Jefferson	14	19	3	3	1	1	8	-	2	3	1	-	-	-
Johnson	7	9	1	1	-	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Lancaster	348	413	43	43	40	42	226	4	15	10	14	4	15	4
Nemaha	8	9	2	2	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Otoe	30	43	9	9	1	10	13	3	1	5	-	-	1	-
Pawnee	6	6	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-
Polk	8	8	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
Richardson	19	20	3	3	2	2	10	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Saline	10	10	1	1	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saunders	20	23	1	1	1	8	8	-	-	2	2	-	1	-
Seward	31	31	1	1	7	2	13	-	3	1	1	-	3	-
Thayer	9	13	2	2	-	4	4	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
York	23	25	6	6	-	2	9	-	1	2	1	1	3	-
REGION VI	592	679	106	106	105	115	233	19	21	21	37	7	15	19
Dodge	40	49	16	16	8	4	14	-	1	2	2	-	2	-
Douglas	486	538	73	73	84	102	196	14	1	18	32	6	12	6
Sarpy	45	53	10	10	9	6	16	4	4	1	2	-	1	-
Washington	21	39	7	7	4	3	7	1	15	1	1	1	-	-
State Wars	56	79	9	9	11	9	30	-	7	6	7	-	-	-
Beatrice State Home	244	319	2	2	130	47	114	-	8	17	1	-	-	-

* There are more diagnostic conditions than children because a child may have more than one diagnostic condition.

TABLE 11

SERVICES EXTENDED TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN THROUGH OUT-PATIENT CLINICS BY MONTH, FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

	Total	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Total clinic visits	5,878	527	547	419	448	492	492	439	450	443	567	558	496
New	3,111	496	423	303	227	265	265	175	176	190	218	192	181
First Time	(941)	(73)	(71)	(47)	(51)	(67)	(111)	(60)	(69)	(79)	(108)	(113)	(92)
Returned	2,767	31	124	116	221	227	227	264	274	253	349	366	315
Diagnoses:													
Oral Plastics	430	35	18	53	32	42	26	42	28	45	33	35	41
Cerebral Palsy	654	56	63	59	42	65	52	44	42	52	94	43	42
Cardiac	720	45	69	49	53	44	102	54	59	48	54	79	64
Orthopedic	1,613	184	139	97	107	183	139	101	127	83	135	160	158
Cystic Fibrosis	299	23	20	24	32	29	25	24	25	20	35	20	22
Eye	215	23	19	14	16	18	21	18	17	14	14	19	22
Midline Birth Defects	53	2	7	4	6	5	4	6	2	6	4	3	4
Hearing	257	42	27	8	7	31	23	10	22	4	24	33	26
Combined Diagnoses:													
Physicians Offices	1,154	21	150	97	107	49	62	120	104	109	114	136	85
Beatrice State Home	483	96	35	14	46	26	38	20	24	62	60	30	32



III. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS PROGRAM

During Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975 a total of twenty-four families from sixteen counties received care under the Catastrophic Illness Program with a total expenditure of \$32,469. The program covers adults as well as children who do not qualify for either Title XIX (Medicaid) or Crippled Children's Services. Expenditures for the program are provided for by Federal, State, and County Funds.

TABLE 12

CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

Type Service	Total Expenditures
Gynecology and/or Childbirth	\$13,151
Dental	845
Neurology	5,752
General Surgery	3,522
Dermatology	4,169
Oncology	3,298
Other	1,532
Total	\$32,469



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I. OVERVIEW OF THE 1974-1975 FISCAL YEAR

Accomplishments

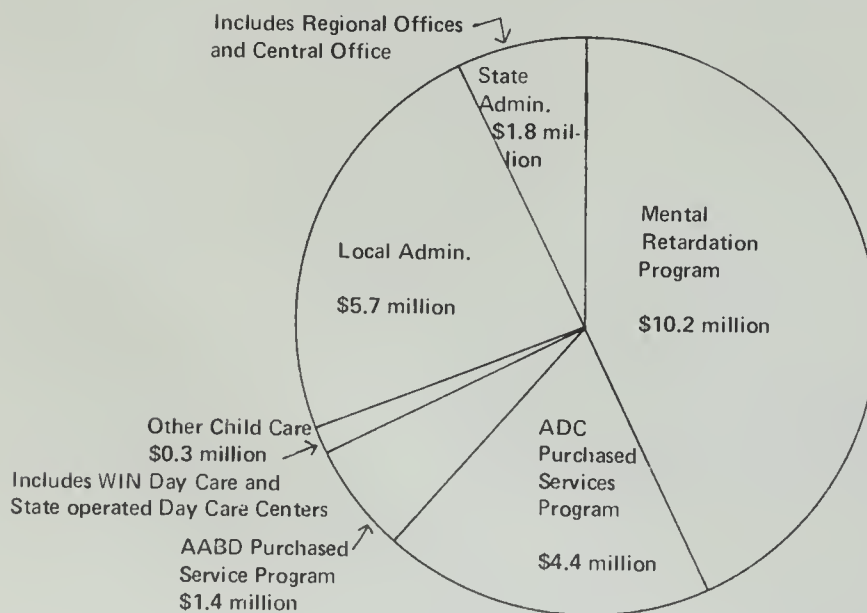
Fiscal year 1974-1975 brought many changes and improvements to the Nebraska Social Services Program. These program changes and improvements are reflected in the major accomplishments for the year which are listed below.

- Implementation of vendor payment system and service plan file
- Implementation of vendor certification process
- Increase in multi-county units
- Uniform budgets for foster care
- Implementation of Central Registry for Child Abuse
- Completion of major components of Management Information System
- Mental Retardation study
- Formulation of Title XX Plan
- Tripling of service client caseload
- Conducted statewide needs assessment
- Conducted statewide resource assessment
- Initial planning for reorganization of division to strengthen programs for adults and families
- Increased licensed or pending day care home or centers and foster care homes from 399 to 575
- Simplified relicensing procedures
- Established State Child Care and Development Advisory Council
- Established Regional Child Care and Development Advisory Committees
- Developed infant day care standards for review and revision
- Development Day Care Resource Kit
- Reinstated Day Care Newsletter
- 20 day billing cycle for Vendor Payment
- Regionalization of the State Ward Foster Care Program (Completed)
- Increased payments for foster care for State Wards
- Developed and distributed material on subsidized adoption program
- Organization of the Foster Parent Education Committee

Expenditures

The 1974-1975 fiscal year was the first entire fiscal year in which Nebraska had in operation the Social Service Delivery System (SSDS). The federal service grant to Nebraska for this time allowed for a \$24 million program. By the end of the fiscal year almost this entire amount had been expended in providing persons with needed services to be explained later. The chart below shows total service expenditures.

SERVICE EXPENDITURES



\$23.8 million

The total administration cost of \$7.5 million includes all salaries (direct) and supportive (Indirect/overhead) costs accrued by the central office and the regional offices (state administration for \$1.8 million) and by county and multi-county unit offices (local administration for \$5.7 million). Approximately \$3.0 million of this total cost was expended for salaries of service workers who provide services directly to clients. More information on the various services provided by direct service workers to clients is presented on Page 52. IV. SERVICES PROVIDED BY SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF.

"Other Child Care" expenses of \$300,000 consist of approximately \$96,000 for WIN (Work Incentive Program) day care and \$234,000 for state staffed day care centers in Hall, Douglas, and Buffalo counties.

Besides providing services directly to persons, services were purchased from approved vendors. The AABD vendor-purchased services program reported a total 1974-1975 fiscal year expenditure of \$1,439,506 for an average of 1,750 persons monthly. Chore services which are aimed at allowing AABD persons to remain in their own homes or prevent institutionalization accounted for the largest single service expenditure of \$546,476. Detailed information on the AABD vendor-purchased service program is found on page 47

Of the total ADC vendor-purchased service expenditure of \$4,416,156 for the 1974-1975 fiscal year, Day Care services accounted for 98.6 percent of the total or \$4,352,058. A total of approximately 5,007 ADC persons received purchased services in an average month during the year and 4,930 of these persons received Day Care services. See page 48 for detailed information.

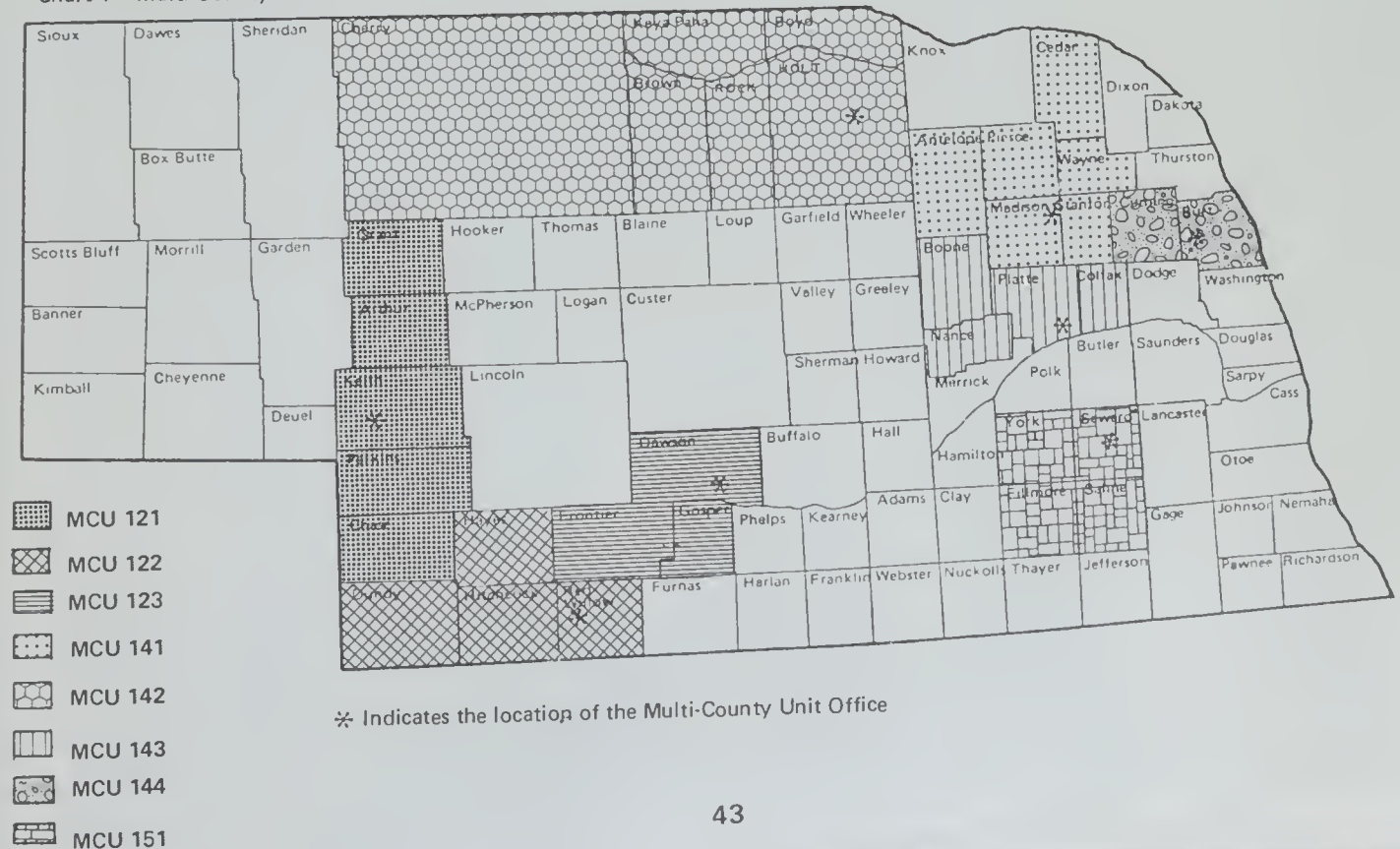
The Mental Retardation (MR) Program is funded in part through the Department of Welfare Social Service program. During the 1974-1975 fiscal year a total MR expenditure of \$10,185,032 was reported in serving an estimated 2,800 persons monthly. See page 49 for additional information.

Fiscal Year Highlights

- AABD vendor-purchased expenditures increased nearly 60 percent during the year, \$93,193 in July 1974 to \$148,273 in June 1975.
- ADC vendor-purchased service expenditures more than tripled from July 1974 to June 1975, with expenditures of \$151,880 and \$459,333 respectively.
- The number of persons receiving staff-provided services increased three and one half times during the year. (935 persons received staff-provided services in July 1974 and 3,230 persons received staff-provided services in June 1975).
- Total open service caseload in July 1974 was approximately 7,875 persons compared to a service caseload of 17,887 persons in June 1975.

A brief look at the above highlights, clearly indicates the tremendous growth experienced by Nebraska's social service program. To meet the needs of a quickly expanding service population, it was decided early in the fiscal year that local service unit reorganization would facilitate service delivery. As a result, thirty-four (34) individual counties were combined into eight (8) multi-county service units. These units were organized in the sparsely populated areas of Nebraska with the intent of providing services more efficiently and effectively to a scattered service recipient population while simultaneously reducing administrative costs.

Chart 1 Multi-County Service Units

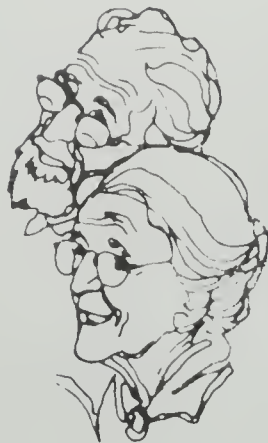


II. MONTHLY REVIEW OF VENDOR PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENDITURES

TABLE 1

VENDOR-PURCHASED SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

TOTAL



TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENDITURES by PROGRAM				
	TOTAL	ADC	AABD	Mental Retardation
1974				
July	\$1,001,068	\$153,425	\$93,193	\$754,450
August	1,142,552	295,552	101,149	745,851
September	1,188,561	321,752	109,603	757,206
October	1,322,236	379,067	122,930	820,239
November	1,298,149	419,504	124,713	753,932
December	1,341,811	399,129	136,221	806,461
1975				
January	1,377,169	409,705	132,841	834,623
February	1,378,668	418,075	128,824	831,769
March	1,379,115	407,139	123,376	848,600
April	1,559,270	345,470	120,818	1,092,982
May	1,454,247	396,612	97,565	960,070
June	1,597,848	470,726	148,273	978,849

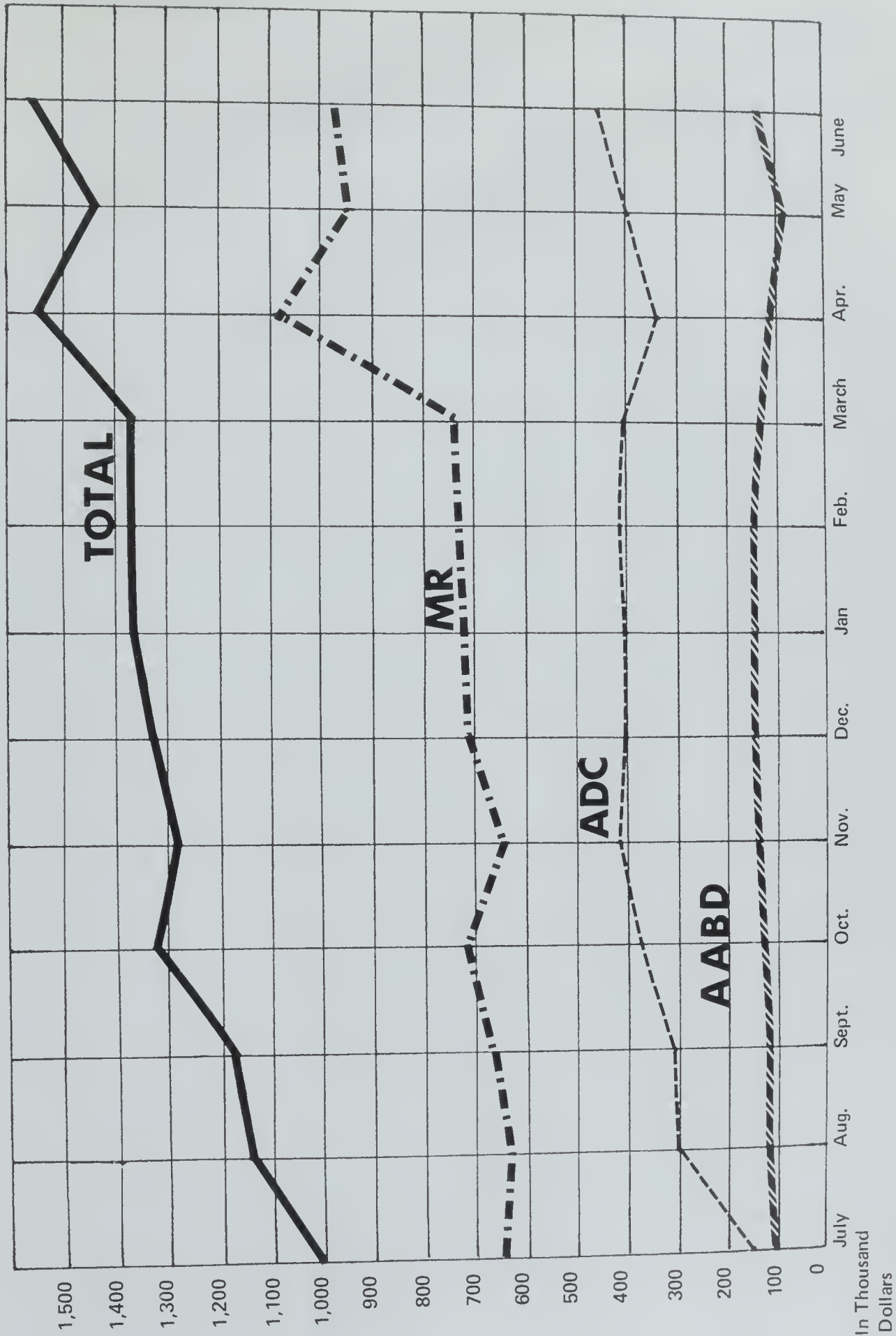
ADC

ADC Purchased Service Expenditures by Service					
	Total	Day Care	Homemaker	Transportation	Other
1974					
July	\$153,425	\$151,880	\$402	\$888	\$255
August	295,552	292,070	712	1,925	845
September	321,752	317,098	1,277	2,291	1,086
October	379,067	372,995	2,231	3,101	740
November	419,504	412,766	2,670	2,295	1,773
December	399,129	392,756	1,937	2,869	1,567
1975					
January	409,705	404,482	1,363	2,471	1,389
February	418,075	413,101	1,230	2,756	988
March	407,139	403,650	906	1,323	1,260
April	345,470	342,399	784	1,107	1,180
May	396,612	389,528	745	727	5,612
June	470,726	459,333	849	1,010	9,534

AABD

AABD Purchased Service Expenditures by Service (Excluding MR)						
	Total	Chore	Alcoholism	Meals	Homemaker	Other
1974						
July	\$93,193	\$33,855	\$31,219	\$2,737	\$14,539	\$10,843
August	101,149	35,068	33,333	4,896	16,979	10,873
September	109,603	38,849	33,723	6,500	17,867	12,664
October	122,930	43,951	31,295	8,146	21,412	18,126
November	124,713	41,490	37,722	9,157	19,308	17,036
December	136,221	42,925	47,211	11,237	19,460	15,388
1975						
January	132,841	41,304	45,309	11,582	19,739	14,907
February	128,824	44,498	41,822	12,189	17,526	12,789
March	123,376	46,222	39,130	7,140	20,621	10,263
April	120,818	49,679	40,919	7,907	16,028	6,285
May	97,565	59,621	19,590	4,681	4,205	9,468
June	148,273	69,015	49,213	11,762	6,644	11,639

Chart 2 TOTAL VENDOR-PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENDITURES

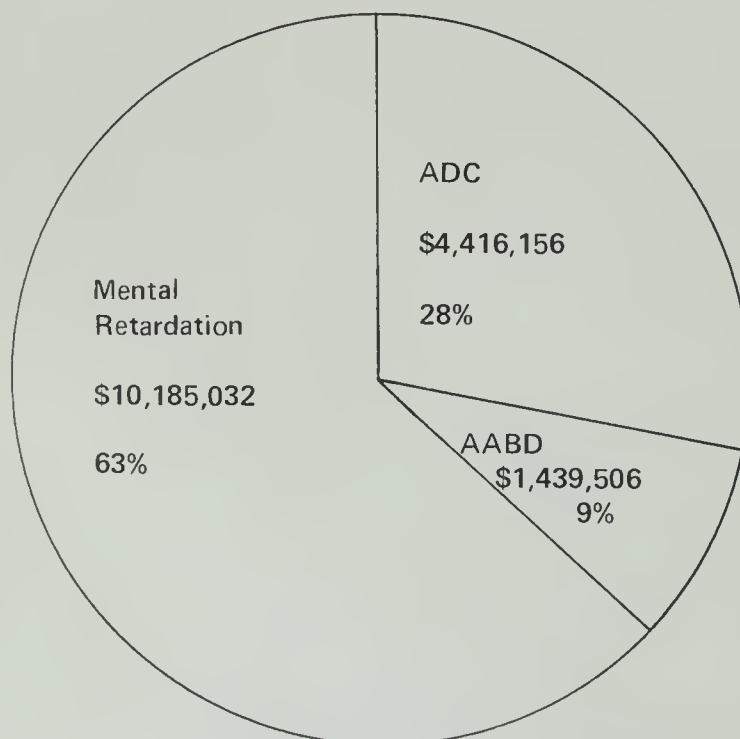


III. VENDOR-PURCHASED SERVICES

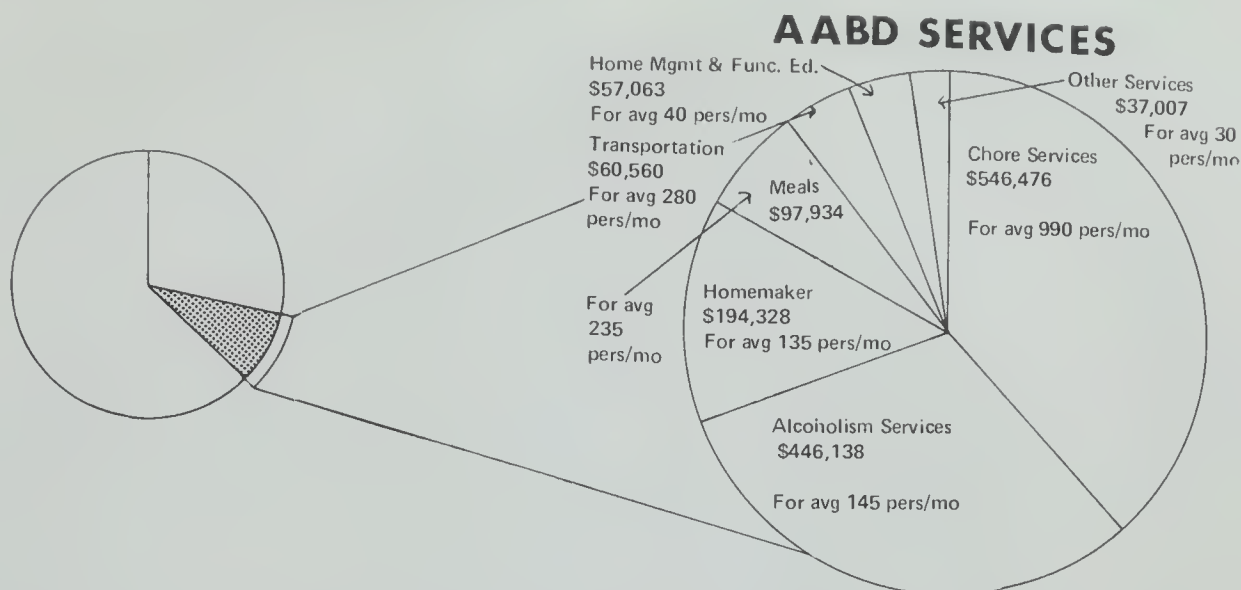
Vendor-purchased service expenditures for the 1974-1975 fiscal year totaled \$16,040,694. The Mental Retardation Program claimed \$10,185,032, or 63 percent of the total expenditures, the ADC purchased-service program claimed \$4,416,506, or 28 percent of the total expenditures, while the AABD purchased-service program claimed the remaining \$1,439,506, or 9 percent of the total purchased-service program expenditures. These service expenditures went towards purchasing services for an average of 9,557 persons a month of which 2,800 persons were served through the Mental Retardation Program, 5,007 persons were ADC recipients, and 1,750 persons were aged, blind or disabled.

Being the first year of operation of the vendor-purchased service program, it is necessary to look beyond monthly averages to get an entire view of activity for the year. For example, AABD vendor-purchased service expenditures during the first month of the year (July 1974) totaled \$93,193 for approximately 1,350 persons while the last month of the fiscal year (June 1975) reported AABD vendor-purchased service expenditures of \$148,273 for approximately 2,100 persons *nearly a 60 percent increase in expenditures and a 56 percent increase in persons served*. The ADC vendor-purchased service program for the first month of the fiscal year (July 1974) reported expenditures of \$151,880 for approximately 1,950 persons while the last month of the fiscal year (June 1975) reported an expenditure of \$459,333 for approximately 5,700 persons. *This means approximately a 300 percent increase in both the number of ADC persons served and expenditures during the fiscal year*. The Mental Retardation Program reported a 30 percent increase in expenditures during the fiscal year. An increase from a \$754,450 expenditure in July 1974 to the \$978,849 expenditure reported for June 1975.

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



Total AABD vendor-purchased service expenditure for the 1974-1975 fiscal year totaled \$1,439,506. Of this total expenditure, chore services accounted for the largest single service expenditure of \$546,476 or 38 percent, alcoholism service expenditures claimed the next largest portion for \$446,138 or 31 percent, followed by homemaker services for \$194,328 or 13.5 percent, home-delivered or congregate meals for \$97,934 or 6.8 percent, transportation services for \$60,560 or 4.2 percent, home management and other functional education for \$57,063 or 4.0 percent, and adult day care services for \$19,610 or 1.4 percent.



Approximately 1,750 AABD persons received vendor-purchased services in an average month during the fiscal year. The average number of persons receiving each of the individual services in a month is shown on the chart above.

Alcoholism services show the highest average cost per person of \$256.40 a month which compares to an average cost per person of only \$51.58 for all remaining services. Only two regions, Region I and Region VI, have alcoholism programs and therefore a comparison of average costs by region consistently show much higher costs for these two regions. The table below provides a regional look at AABD expenditures and services.

	REGION I	REGION II	REGION III	REGION IV	REGION V	REGION VI	STATE
Chore Service Cost	\$45,405	\$39,669	\$61,050	\$70,144	\$136,808	\$193,400	\$546,476
Average monthly cost per person	\$84.08	\$45.28	\$32.20	30.44	36.08	78.24	\$46.00
Alcoholism Service Cost	\$51,130	\$ --	\$112	\$2,608	\$143	\$392,145	\$446,138
Average monthly cost per person	\$266.30	\$ --	\$9.33	\$217.33	\$11.93	\$255.30	\$256.40
Homemaker Service Cost	\$19,386	\$1,617	\$3,063	\$2,604	\$54,743	\$112,916	\$194,329
Average monthly cost per person	\$403.87	\$44.92	\$127.62	\$72.33	\$45.62	\$409.11	\$119.96
Meals Service Cost	\$23,347	\$847	\$3,924	\$42,774	\$14,120	\$12,922	\$97,934
Average monthly cost per person	\$77.82	\$70.58	\$46.71	\$25.64	\$43.58	\$29.91	\$34.73
Transportation Service Cost	\$8,259	\$8,244	\$6,687	\$14,434	\$19,199	\$3,737	\$60,560
Average monthly cost per person	\$43.02	\$24.54	\$18.58	\$9.94	\$25.00	\$14.83	\$18.02
TOTAL COST	\$154,116	\$51,454	\$75,274	\$159,001	\$278,164	\$721,497	\$1,439,506
Monthly average cost per person	\$122.31	\$40.84	\$32.00	\$33.29	\$45.01	\$139.50	\$68.54
Average number of persons served	105	105	196	398	515	431	1,750

This table shows that Region VI claims approximately half of total AABD expenditures and averages about one fourth of AABD persons receiving purchased services. Region V, on the other hand, claims 20 percent of Total AABD service expenditures and averages approximately 30 percent of the persons served; Region IV claims approximately 11 percent of expenditures and 23 percent of the persons served, Region III shows 5 percent of expenditures and averages 11 percent of the persons served; Region II reports approximately 4 percent of expenditures and 6 percent of persons served, and finally Region I claims approximately 11 percent of total service expenditures for 6 percent of AABD persons receiving vendor purchased services.

ADC Expenditures

Total ADC vendor purchased service expenditures for the 1974-1975 fiscal year totaled \$4,416,156 for an average of 5,007 persons a month. Day care expenditures accounted for 98.6%, or \$4,352,058 of the total expenditures for an average of 4,930 children a month. Day care expenditures accounted for 98.6%, or \$4,352,058 of the total expenditures for an average of 4,930 children a month.

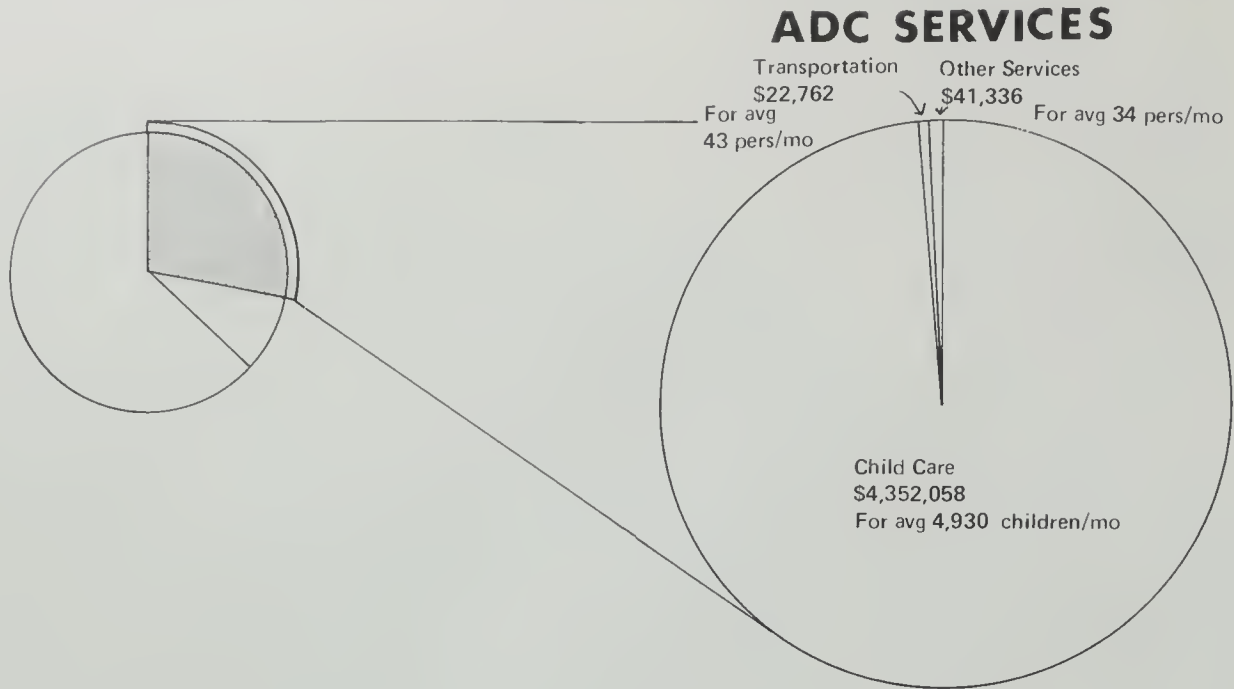
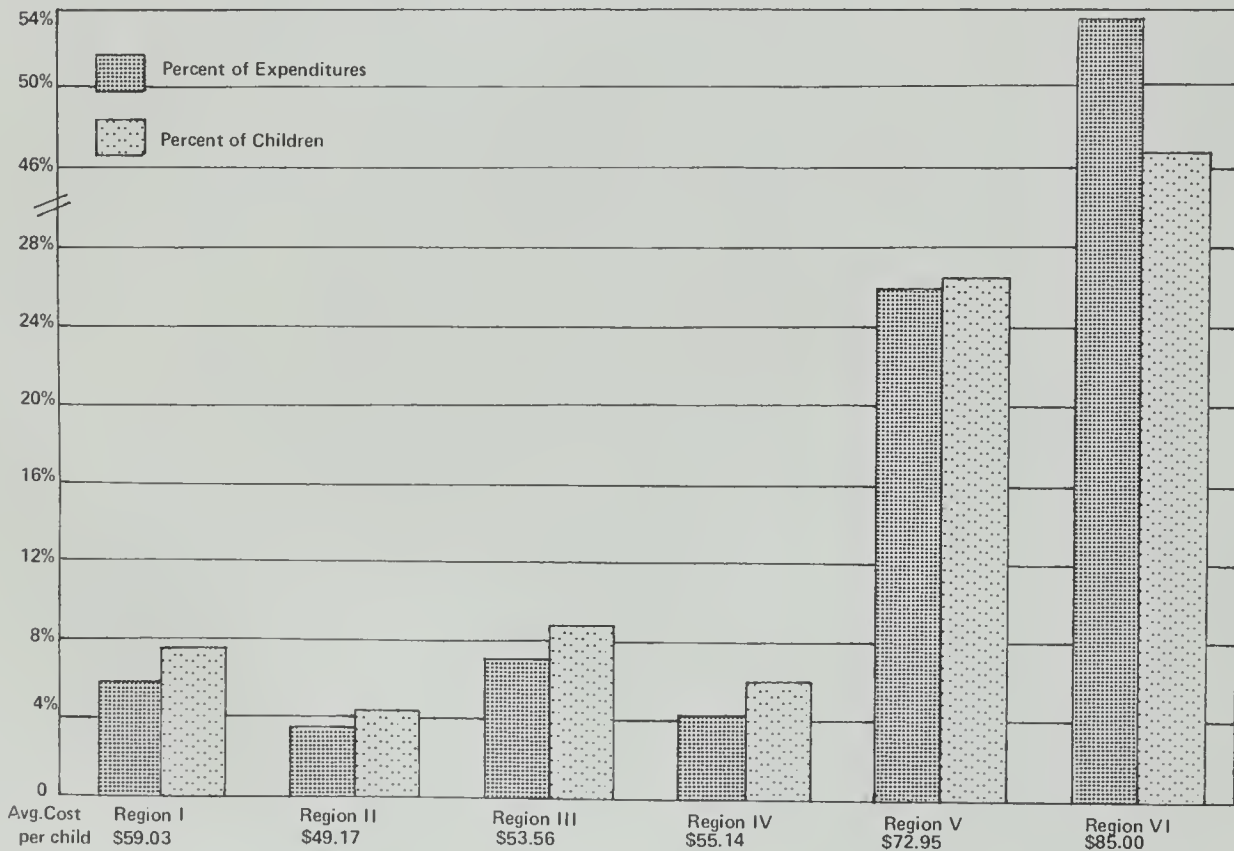


Chart 3 Regional Distribution of Children Receiving Child Care and Expenditures



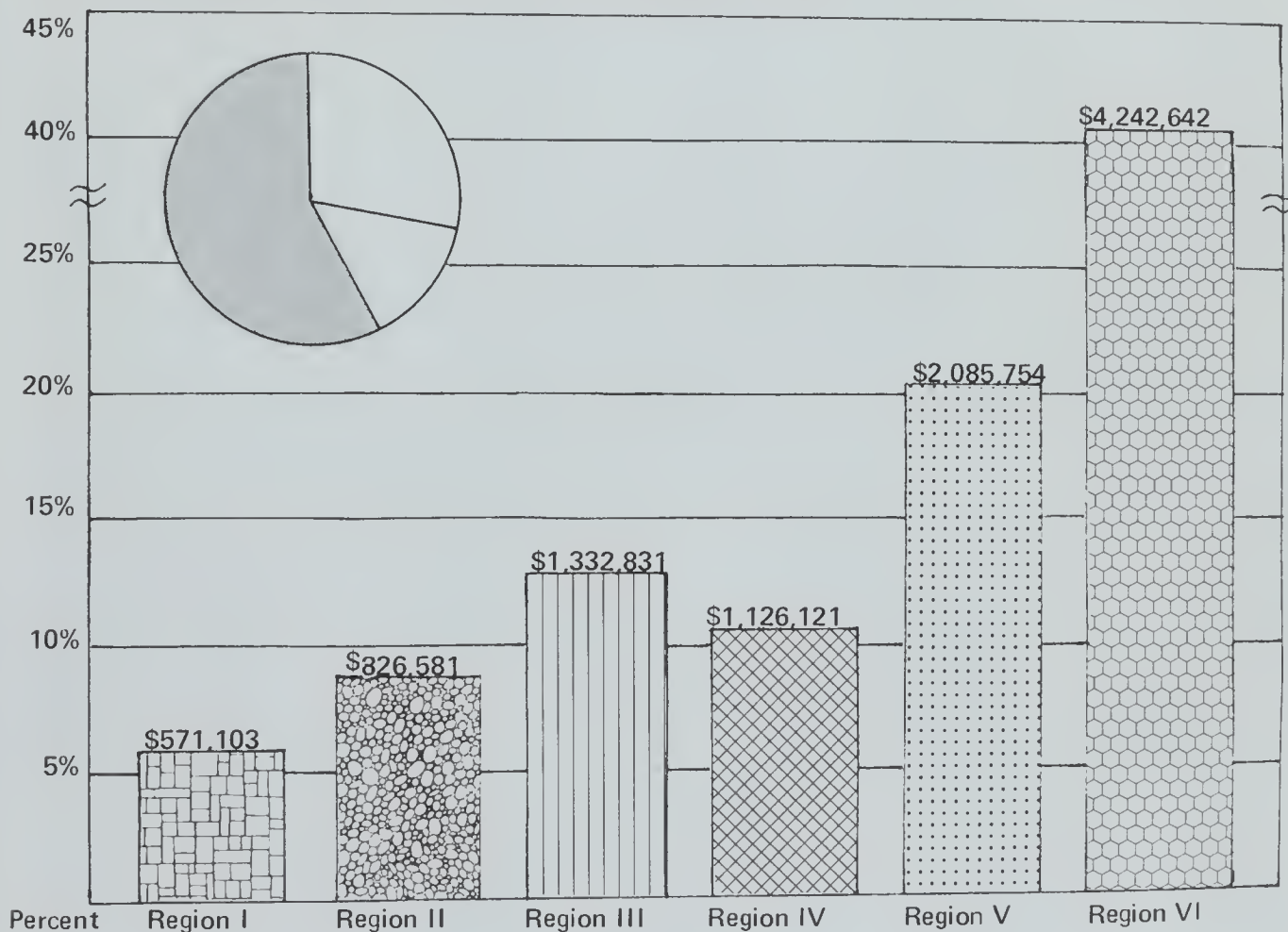
Region V and VI shows slightly higher average monthly day care costs than the other four regions. Since day care rates are based on the number of services offered by the day care (whether in-home care, out of home care, or care in a center), it seems likely that average day care costs would be higher in areas where there is a greater availability of services. Thus the somewhat higher average monthly day care costs shown for Regions V and VI may largely be due to the fact that both are more urbanized areas with a greater availability of services. Together these two regions account for nearly 80 percent of all day care expenditures.

The state average monthly day care expenditure per child was \$73.57 for the 1974-1975 fiscal year.

Mental Retardation Program Expenditures

The Mental Retardation Program is funded in part through social service monies, during the 1974-1975 fiscal year these monies totaled \$10,185,032.49. The chart below shows a regional breakdown of MR expenditures.

CHART 4. Mental Retardation Program Expenditures by Region



It is estimated that of the approximately 2,800 persons served through the Mental Retardation Program, 6.4 percent are in Region I, 7.5 percent are in Region II, 15.9 percent are in Region III, 9.9 percent are in Region IV, 19.0 percent are in Region V, and the remaining 41.3 percent are in Region VI.

TABLE 3 TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES by Service by County (FY 1974-1975)*

Region & Counties	Total	AABD					ADC			
		Chore	Homemaker	Transportation	Meals	Other	Total	Child Care	Transportation	Other
STATE TOTALS	\$1,439,506	\$546,476	\$194,329	\$60,560	\$97,934	\$540,207	\$4,416,156	\$4,352,058	\$22,762	\$41,336
REGION I	154,116	45,405	19,386	8,259	23,347	57,719	260,515	252,948	4,913	2,654
Banner	--	--	--	--	--	--	91	91	--	--
Box Butte	53,202	1,503	--	407	33	51,259	49,810	48,607	--	1,203
Cheyenne	20,316	1,010	--	216	--	1,419	33,702	33,233	195	274
Dawes	14,784	10,884	--	441	3,041	418	55,705	55,362	197	146
Deuel	476	156	--	320	--	--	2,709	2,709	--	--
Garden	747	565	--	110	--	72	1,073	1,073	--	--
Kimball	2,850	1,030	--	1,636	184	--	7,571	7,411	120	40
Morrill	936	359	--	98	479	--	3,080	3,080	--	--
Scotts Bluff	57,223	27,735	1,715	4,887	18,335	4,551	80,587	75,859	4,023	705
Sheridan	3,362	1,943	--	144	1,275	--	26,187	25,523	378	286
Sioux	220	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION II	51,454	39,669	1,617	8,244	847	1,077	143,726	140,242	3,283	201
Multi Co. 121	6,138	5,015	--	999	--	124	13,609	13,160	441	8
Multi Co. 122	5,851	2,699	422	1,748	514	468	10,196	9,881	306	9
Multi Co. 123	11,449	8,267	1,195	1,381	333	273	28,749	28,151	572	26
Lincoln	21,718	17,948	--	3,558	--	212	90,671	88,611	1,964	96
Logan	248	58	--	190	--	--	306	306	--	--
McPherson	148	148	--	--	--	--	70	70	--	--
Thomas	5,902	5,534	--	368	--	--	125	63	--	62
REGION III	75,274	61,050	3,063	6,687	3,925	549	294,925	289,403	2,401	3,121
Adams	628	--	--	--	628	--	56,723	56,693	--	30
Blaine	2,030	1,984	--	46	--	--	609	609	--	--
Buffalo	15,995	14,691	--	457	847	--	31,794	31,394	86	314
Clay	2,094	2,014	--	80	--	--	843	349	--	494
Custer	13,897	10,176	--	3,436	250	35	19,105	17,263	1,616	226
Franklin	2,835	1,483	359	993	--	--	2,461	1,898	73	490
Furnas	809	167	--	--	537	105	6,363	6,315	48	--
Garfield	755	755	--	--	--	--	575	575	--	--
Greeley	1,213	676	--	537	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hall	8,585	8,099	356	18	--	112	117,804	117,723	29	52
Hamilton	3,960	3,960	--	--	--	--	7,188	7,188	--	--
Harlan	1,200	1,134	--	66	--	--	7,672	7,639	33	--
Howard	7,466	6,539	--	339	582	6	2,712	2,712	--	--
Kearney	2,619	1,007	1,259	--	353	--	6,059	5,651	134	274
Merrick	1,378	816	357	190	--	15	9,011	7,762	250	999

TABLE 3 CONTINUED

Nuckolls	\$3,519	\$2,464	\$732	\$192	\$	\$131	\$3,986	\$3,946	\$40	\$
Phelps	2,124	1,377	--	19	728	--	18,530	18,288	--	242
Sherman	451	451	--	--	--	--	592	592	--	--
Valley	3,026	2,742	--	139	--	145	2,118	2,026	92	--
Webster	690	515	--	175	--	--	780	780	--	--
REGION IV	159,001	70,144	2,604	14,434	42,774	29,045	212,392	196,035	2,554	13,803
Multi Co. 141	30,877	12,706	144	1,774	15,728	525	45,606	44,375	441	790
Multi Co. 142	27,804	20,385	1,118	4,513	18	1,770	32,241	30,997	962	282
Multi Co. 143	23,615	18,440	1,066	3,020	221	868	39,640	37,429	262	1,949
Multi Co. 144	6,376	1,426	--	248	4,311	391	9,775	9,392	383	--
Dakota	16,835	1,828	--	681	11,537	2,789	46,756	46,572	184	--
Dixon	10,810	9,459	--	1,351	--	--	2,754	2,628	108	18
Knox	1,040	920	--	120	--	--	2,347	2,347	--	--
Thurston	41,644	4,980	276	2,727	10,959	22,702	33,273	22,295	214	10,764
REGION V	278,164	136,808	54,743	19,199	14,120	53,294	1,141,543	1,130,328	2,340	8,875
Region Office V	454	--	--	139	--	315	--	--	--	--
Multi Co. 151	18,768	17,935	--	399	375	59	29,534	27,849	81	1,604
Butler	633	517	10	106	--	--	1,906	1,894	--	12
Cass	2,893	2,845	--	--	48	--	8,943	8,859	--	84
Gage	28,488	24,140	--	1,062	2,008	1,278	30,582	30,326	16	240
Jefferson	13,887	11,687	2	2,170	--	28	15,761	15,721	40	--
Johnson	1,394	100	--	993	301	--	1,805	1,664	141	--
Lancaster	185,102	61,460	53,453	11,013	8,372	50,804	973,951	968,409	725	4,817
Nemaha	6,216	5,051	--	496	600	69	8,420	8,371	49	--
Otoe	1,455	10	--	13	1,432	--	15,467	15,446	--	21
Pawnee	647	--	--	62	511	74	2,419	2,419	--	--
Polk	963	731	--	232	--	--	214	176	38	--
Richardson	10,124	6,916	1,278	1,341	405	184	35,283	32,402	1,250	1,631
Saunders	2,757	2,152	--	605	--	--	12,651	12,651	--	--
Thayer	4,383	3,264	--	568	68	483	4,607	4,141	--	466
REGION VI	721,497	193,400	112,916	3,737	12,921	398,523	2,363,055	2,343,102	7,271	12,682
Dodge	2,151	1,145	--	65	22	919	18,267	18,217	--	50
Douglas	717,703	191,370	112,916	2,954	12,899	397,564	2,215,390	2,196,168	7,155	12,067
Sarpy	1,610	885	--	685	--	40	122,292	121,711	116	465
Washington	33	--	--	33	--	--	7,106	7,006	--	100

* Includes refunds and cancellations.

IV. SERVICES PROVIDED BY SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF

Eligible AABD and ADC persons may receive staff provided services, vendor purchased services, or both while non categorically related persons may receive only staff provided services. Persons classified as non categorically related primarily receive protective services, foster care services and other services related to the provision of these two major types of services.

TABLE 4

Services Provided By Social Service Staff During Fiscal Year 1974 - 1975				
	Number of Service Units Provided			
	AABD	ADC	Non-Categorical	Total
Chore Services	2,291	116	15	2,422
Day Cares Services for Adults	31	61	--	92
Day Care Services for Children	182	15,700	33	15,915
Educational Services	930	7,125	152	8,207
Employment Services (Non-WIN)	811	3,729	241	4,781
Family Planning Services	114	1,923	31	2,068
Foster Care Services for Adults	920	132	24	1,076
Foster Care Services for Children	972	15,805	6,006	22,783
Health Related Services	12,885	20,180	1,000	34,065
Home Delivered or Congregate Meals	41	--	--	41
Homemaker Services	50,608	5,638	877	57,123
Home Management and Other Functional Educational Services	910	1,918	61	2,889
Housing Improvement Service	1,035	2,767	54	3,856
Legal Services	25	211	49	285
Protective Services for Adults	3,645	300	224	4,169
Protective Services for Children	1,274	21,154	6,901	29,329
Special Services for the Blind	62	7	--	69
Transportation Services	26,315	100,781	3,530	130,626
Special Services for the Mentally Retarded	372	205	10	587
Information and Referral Services	253	738	115	1,106
TOTAL UNITS	103,676	198,490	19,323	321,489
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED	534	745	157	1,436

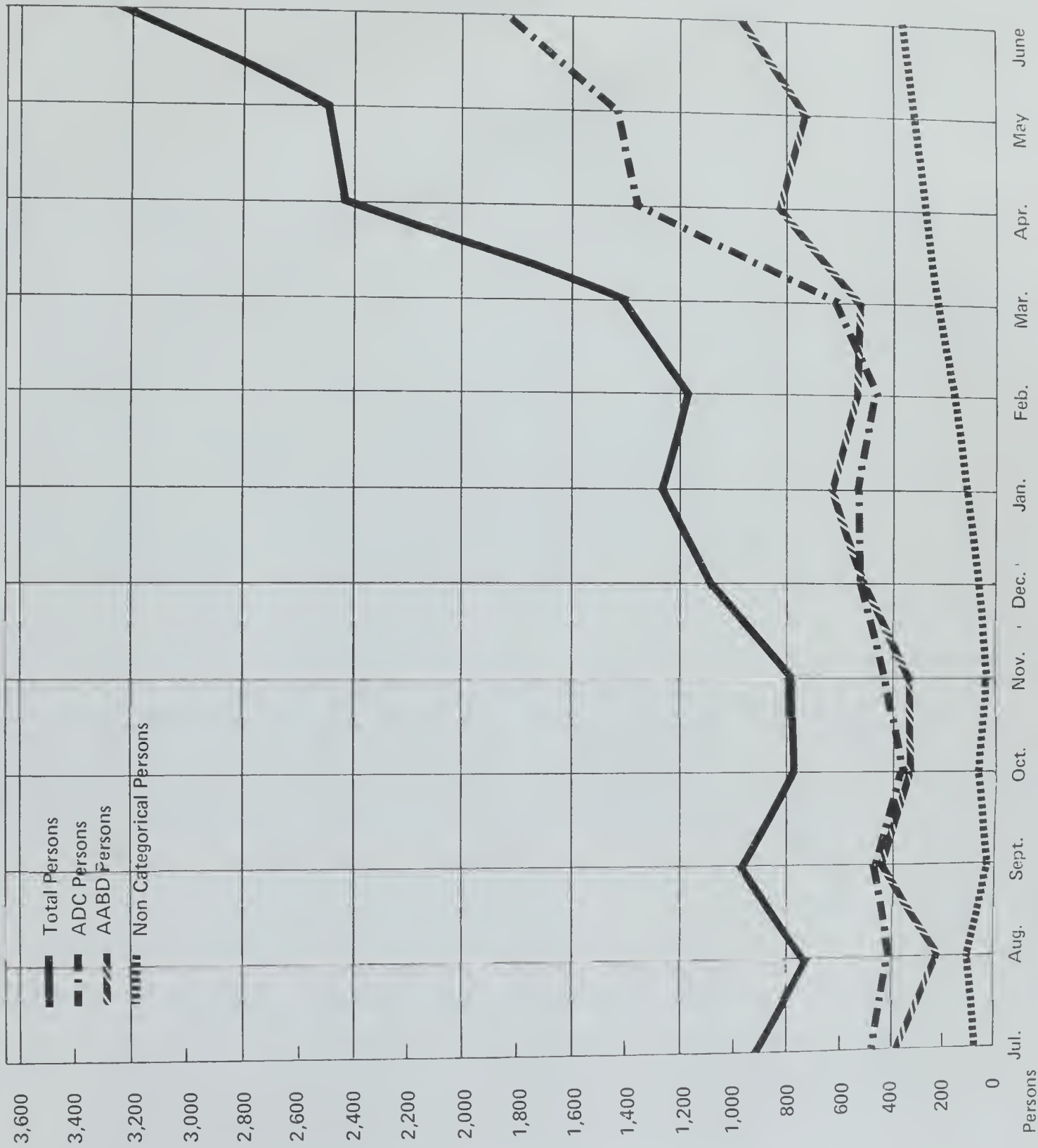
During the 1974 1975 fiscal year an average of 1,436 persons received staff-provided services in an average month. Of this 1,436 persons, 534 were AABD persons, 745 were ADC persons and the remaining 157 persons were non-categorically related persons. Looking at "the average month" for the fiscal year, however, does not give the whole picture of the staff-provided services program. For example, the first month of the fiscal year (July 1974) reports a total of 935 persons receiving staff provided services while in the last month of the fiscal year (June 1975) a total of 3,230 persons received staff provided services, an increase of nearly three and a half times. The chart on the opposite page shows this expansion by month for each category of recipient.

Approximately one fourth of all AABD persons receiving services receive both staff-provided services and purchased services. Three staff provided services, Homemaker, Transportation, and Health-Related services, were the most frequently provided services accounting for approximately 87 percent of all "units" of service provided to AABD persons during the fiscal year.

Transportation services alone account for approximately one-half of all "units" of service provided to ADC persons. The next four services most often provided to ADC persons were Protective Services for Children (21,154 units), Health-Related Services (20,180 units), Foster Care Services (15,805), and Day Care Services for Children (15,700 units). These five services combined account for approximately 87 percent of all staff-provided units of service to ADC clients.

Non-Categorically related persons received primarily Protective Services for Children, Foster Care Services for Children, Transportation Services, and Health-Related Services. These four services accounted for 90 percent of all units provided to non-categorically related persons.

Chart 5 Persons Receiving Staff Provided Services



V. SUBPROGRAM REVIEW

Licensing, Day Care Centers, Day Care Homes, Foster Homes

The Division of Social Services has statutory responsibility for licensing day care centers and day care homes. The increase in the number of inquiries regarding licensing and in the number of licensed day care facilities demonstrates the progress day care is achieving in Nebraska. There are approximately 160 licensed day care centers in Nebraska with a capacity for serving about 5,325 children, 544 licensed day care homes with a capacity of serving about 2,710 children, 151 licensed foster homes with a capacity of serving an estimated 445 children, and finally 36 combination boarding care homes with the capacity of serving approximately 75 foster care children and 91 children with day care services.

Direct Services for Children

The Division of Social Services gives direct services to children who are relinquished, or made wards of the state by court action. In June 1975, 766 of these children received services. The living arrangements of the children receiving services at the end of the month were: in the home of parents, relatives or independent living arrangement 120, adoptive home 65, foster family home 450, institution 105, and elsewhere 26.

Public Child-Care Institutions

There are eight child-care institutions operating under auspices of public welfare agencies or county units of government providing residential care for children.

TABLE 5

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Children Under Care of Public Child-Care Institutions
July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975

Institution	Children In Institution First Day of Month	Children Admitted During Month	Not Previously Admitted During Year	Previously Admitted During Year	Total Children	Children Discharged During Month	Children In Institution on Last Day of Month
TOTAL	203	1,660	976	684	1,863	1,618	245
Children's Village	12	95	87	8	107	92	15
Douglas County Youth Center	19	1,015	510	505	1,034	1,016	18
Nebraska Center for Children and Youth	96	121	120	1	217	112	105
Lancaster County Juvenile Detention Home	2	322	212	110	324	320	4
LOMAR	29	39	17	22	68	28	40
Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency	13	7	7	0	20	7	13
ENCOR	23	42	6	36	65	25	40
Campus House	9	19	17	2	28	18	10

There are nine child-placement agencies and thirteen child-care institutions licensed under voluntary auspices providing services and care to children. Three of the child-placement agencies also have residential care facilities which are classified as child-care institutions.

TABLE 6

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Children Served by Voluntary Child-Placement Agencies and Child-Care Institutions July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975					
Agency	Under Care July 1, 1974	Accepted During Year	Total During Year	Discharged During Year	Under Care June 30, 1975
TOTAL (Unduplicated)	1,932	2,126	4,058	2,329	1,729
CHILD-PLACEMENT AGENCIES	1,127	1,634	2,761	1,702	1,059
Family Service Association(Lincoln)	79	110	189	159	30
Family Service of Omaha	183	451	634	367	267
Jewish Federation of Omaha	2	4	6	3	3
Lutheran Family and Social Service	145	107	252	162	90
*United Catholic Social Services (Omaha)	125	242	367	233	134
Catholic Social Services (Lincoln)	126	129	255	136	119
Child Saving Institute	99	168	267	172	95
*Epworth Village	26	23	49	32	17
*Nebraska Children's Home Society	342	400	742	438	304
CHILD-CARE INSTITUTIONS	838	632	1,470	773	697
Bethphage Mission, Inc.	40	1	41	7	34
Cedar's Home for Children	24	126	150	128	22
Cornhusker Christian Children's Home	10	5	15	4	11
Father Flanagan's Boys Home	521	138	459	269	390
Grace Children's Home	0	22	22	11	11
Johnny Walker Boys Ranch	0	18	18	9	9
Lariat Ranch	15	16	31	9	22
Martin Luther Home	56	9	65	16	49
Masonic-Eastern Star Home	28	5	33	4	29
Nebraska Boy's Ranch	15	9	24	10	14
Omaha Home for Boys	79	59	138	77	61
Omaha Home for Girls, Inc.	16	30	46	31	15
St. Augustine's Indian Mission	1	54	55	52	3
CHILD-PLACEMENT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES					
St. James - Fischer Home (UCSS)	4	28	32	25	7
Epworth Village	16	23	49	32	17
Nebraska Children's Home Society	3	89	92	89	3

* Includes children in Agencies' Residential Care Facilities

Subsidized Adoptions

During the 1974-1975 fiscal year a total of eighteen children and fourteen families participated in the subsidized adoption program. The 1975-1976 fiscal year is expected to show substantial growth in this new program area.

Child Abuse and Neglect

The Division of Social Services maintains the Central Registry for reporting of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Nebraska. The Central Registry has received a total of 1,298 reports of suspected or confirmed child abuse and/or neglect cases involving 2,282 children during the period of September 2, 1973 through July 3, 1975. Beginning in approximately July 1974, copies of all such reports were forwarded to a National Clearinghouse for Child Abuse and/or Neglect located in Denver, Colorado. Through reports generated by the National Clearinghouse, detailed information is now becoming available on abuse and/or neglect cases.



VI. FUTURE PLANS

The 1974-1975 fiscal year was a very progressive year for the Nebraska Social Services program. Planning for the upcoming 1975-1976 fiscal year has identified the following projects to be accomplished.

- Foster Care study
- Computerization of Provider/Vendor File
- Computerization of Eligibility File
- Study and Upgrade Provider/Vendor Standards
- Develop and implement Quality Assurance Program
- Conduct needs assessment in the area of legal services
- Develop comprehensive inventory of all human resources in the state
- Comprehensive training in priority areas
- Develop and implement regional planning procedures
- Deinstitutionalize 5% of welfare-related nursing home population
- Develop public awareness and training in adult protective services
- Participate in HEW-SRS Study of Child Care Management Processes
- Revise Child Care Center Standards
- Revise Day Care Home Standards
- Revise Foster Home Standards
- Public Awareness program in child care
- Develop local coordination between licensing personnel, direct service providers and protective service workers
- Coordinate with other state agencies involved in licensing
- Promote training for child-caring and child placing licensees
- Reorganize division through separation of program areas into adult services and services for children and families
- Incorporate into the Division of Social Services the programs of the Nebraska Center for Children and Youth
- Pursuit of an HEW Formula grant to provide added training to meet the needs of multi-disciplines involved in providing child protective services
- Development of an Adoption notebook which provides information on children who are legally free for permanent placement
- Development of procedures for unaccompanied Vietnamese children services
- Help communities through education in establishing community protective service programs

Along with the projects listed above, the new Title XX Social Services Plan is to be implemented October 1, 1975. Full implementation of Title XX will be a major objective for the 1975-1976 fiscal year.



APPENDIX

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

MEMBERS

Dorothy Brunt	Omaha
Sharon Crosby	Lincoln
Earl Dyer	Lincoln
Joseph Golden	Lincoln
Lerlean N. Johnson	Omaha
Mrs. Clifford H. Jorgenson	Lincoln
Carl Keig	Grand Island
Dr. Garnet Larson	Lincoln
Grace Lee	Grand Island
Robert Mackey	Lincoln
Lotus Nicholas	Lincoln
Salle Sawyer	Lincoln
Charlotte Shropshire	Omaha
Ramona Wolfe	Winnebago
Joan Wooten	Lincoln

The Committee was established in 1970 to the mandates of Title IV, Parts A and B of the Social Security Act of 1969. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the principal policy setting and administrative official of the State Department of Public Welfare and provide for meaningful participation in policy development and program administration, both in relationship to programs of assistance and services.

Committee members include representatives of other agencies concerned with services, representative of professional, civic and other public or private agencies, citizens interested in service programs, and recipients of assistance or services. Members are appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Welfare upon the recommendation of the entire Committee.

COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS' PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MEMBERS	REPRESENTING	TERM EXPIRES
W. Frank Reed	Area I	1-1-76
Doris Crocker	Member at large	1-1-76
Virgil Knackstedt	Member at large	1-1-76
Gladys Fitzgerald	Area II	1-1-76
Garnet Broom	Area III	1-1-78
LaVern Dickinson	Area IV	1-1-78
Mildred Jorgensen	Member at large	1-1-78
Ken L. Christensen	Member at large	1-1-77
LaVerne Weers	Area V	1-1-77
Frances Evans	Member at large	1-1-78
Clara Gramlich	Area VI	Permanent
Michael Healey	Douglas County	Permanent
Jerry Lemonds	Lancaster County	1-1-76
Dave Ashley	Pres. State Assn.	1-1-76
Erma Ripley	Past Pres. State Assn.	

The County Directors' Program Committee was established in 1970. This committee was formed to provide a formal channel for County Directors to use in voicing their opinions and views on existing program regulations and policies. The Committee also meets to discuss proposed program changes, thus providing an opportunity for input from the operation level prior to implementing the change.

FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975 AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD BY PROGRAM AREA AND DUPLICATED CASELOAD TOTAL 1/

Region & Counties	Total (Duplicated)	State Supple- ment & or SSI	Federal SSI	ADC 4/	Food Stamps	Emergency Assistance	Eligible Medical 5/		Social 6/ Service	Crippled 6/ Children
							Money	No Money		
TOTAL	94,695	5,401	7,052	11,891	15,687	2,616	23,776	7,731	17,886	2,655
REGION I	6,934	381	521	792	993	24	1,627	540	1,838	218
Box Butte	587	33	49	74	93	6	149	51	112	20
Cheyenne	667	35	34	57	131	4	113	60	206	27
Duval	527	33	38	31	79	-	104	52	177	13
Deuel	130	7	15	12	34	-	34	21	8	9
Garden	144	11	21	11	26	-	43	21	4	7
Kimball/Banner	331	19	48	36	47	-	70	29	71	11
Morrill	466	16	50	45	59	-	114	63	108	11
Scotts Bluff	3,529	201	201	464	456	14	846	201	1,042	104
Sheridan	498	23	57	57	63	-	135	37	110	16
Sioux	57	4	8	5	16	-	19	5	-	-
REGION II	5,113	393	474	523	764	9	1,410	457	865	218
Chase	201	20	29	16	32	1	65	28	-	10
Dawson	863	113	102	84	124	-	296	97	-	47
Dundy	165	7	39	7	32	-	55	24	-	1
Frontier	118	7	18	8	23	2	30	25	-	5
Gosper	58	4	6	5	11	-	16	12	-	4
Grant	27	2	1	7	5	-	11	-	-	1
Hayes	37	8	4	2	3	-	14	5	-	1
Hitchcock	175	13	31	12	30	-	60	23	-	6
Hooker	42	2	4	4	10	-	12	7	-	3
Keith/Arthur	332	33	29	38	59	-	103	51	-	19
Lincoln	1,965	147	115	288	303	4	573	119	328	88
Logan	37	3	5	3	5	1	13	3	3	1
McPherson	40	1	3	4	8	-	7	-	12	5
Perkins	101	4	14	12	17	1	28	18	-	7
Red Willow	363	25	61	27	91	-	106	37	-	16
Thomas	73	5	13	4	12	-	21	8	6	4
Reg. Office II	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-
Multi Co. 121	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	-
Multi Co. 122	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-
Multi Co. 123	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221	-
REGION III	11,493	922	1,210	1,021	1,545	181	3,058	1,288	1,916	352
Adams	1,576	187	112	172	256	1	457	146	207	38
Blaine	51	6	4	5	14	1	16	2	1	2
Buffalo	1,458	107	129	98	220	22	336	159	335	52
Clay	426	20	65	54	56	-	137	70	9	15
Custer	977	63	128	50	118	3	232	118	232	33
Franklin	336	21	65	23	57	-	109	30	26	5
Furnas	401	29	67	28	53	-	112	64	40	8
Greeley	210	10	30	12	48	-	52	33	16	9
Hall	2,660	191	169	373	311	148	666	184	538	80
Hamilton	321	37	34	23	33	-	97	33	53	11
Harlan	280	13	42	19	39	-	78	40	42	7
Howard	287	19	30	21	50	-	76	29	55	7
Kearney	301	19	49	13	23	3	78	65	45	6
Loup/Garfield	131	8	27	4	22	1	40	8	14	7
Merrick	389	38	45	30	39	-	117	52	53	15

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Nuckolls	406	30	53	22	59	107	69	57	9
Helps	376	49	37	37	38	117	59	22	117
Sherman	187	13	36	6	28	54	43	3	4
Valley	294	38	33	15	30	85	20	60	12
Webster	302	22	46	11	42	77	62	27	15
Wheeler	41	3	9	3	8	15	2	--	1
Reg. Office III	81	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
REGION IV	9,675	558	1,310	738	1,279	2,550	1,088	1,759	380
Antelope	390	25	71	27	63	121	62	--	18
Boone	333	23	60	23	50	99	65	--	13
Boyd	193	15	39	8	42	56	23	--	9
Brown	211	15	37	15	40	70	17	--	17
Burt	357	26	47	31	52	109	79	--	13
Cedar	393	29	73	38	49	117	77	--	30
Cherry	246	11	39	15	46	83	16	--	14
Coffax	315	39	54	19	30	107	50	--	16
Cuming	278	25	51	8	46	83	55	--	10
Dakota	905	61	69	83	144	201	53	268	25
Dixon	397	26	55	15	55	90	31	116	9
Holt	582	40	108	41	93	188	87	--	23
Keya Paha	33	1	6	1	5	10	4	--	6
Knox	578	29	117	41	101	176	93	--	21
Madison	854	76	119	75	137	269	132	--	42
Nance	190	21	35	7	20	66	33	--	8
Pierce	228	13	50	8	33	67	43	--	14
Platte	475	26	77	37	79	153	65	--	38
Rock	109	5	25	3	18	31	11	--	16
Stanton	182	5	41	7	33	50	28	--	18
Thurston	1,093	33	107	223	114	353	25	222	16
Wayne	179	17	30	10	28	51	39	--	4
Reg. Office IV	82	--	--	--	--	--	--	82	--
Multi Co. 141	369	--	--	--	--	--	--	369	--
Multi Co. 142	278	--	--	--	--	--	--	278	--
Multi Co. 143	301	--	--	--	--	--	--	301	--
Multi Co. 144	123	--	--	--	--	--	--	123	--
REGION V	18,103	1,234	1,536	1,983	2,450	4,647	1,757	3,733	595
Butler	316	15	59	15	53	86	50	24	14
Cass	698	72	54	74	109	195	60	113	21
Fillmore	299	21	52	17	60	83	53	5	6
Gage	1,280	99	131	90	155	312	155	315	21
Jefferson	604	44	80	37	116	147	79	87	14
Johnson	188	11	24	15	26	29	18	18	7
Lancaster	9,535	644	469	1,344	1,238	2,371	607	2,369	348
Nemaha	512	48	66	36	62	151	69	72	8
Otoe	821	60	90	86	121	243	109	82	30
Pawnee	245	14	51	16	36	84	30	7	6
Polk	182	12	33	8	19	54	38	9	8
Richardson	931	76	118	77	138	266	94	138	19
Saline	373	13	71	28	51	89	89	--	10
Saunders	595	42	74	45	93	160	67	85	20
Seward	463	26	61	45	78	135	84	--	31
Thayer	379	21	63	20	43	108	72	43	9
York	316	15	40	30	53	83	72	--	23
Reg. Office V	217	--	--	--	--	--	--	217	--
Multi Co. 151	149	--	--	--	--	--	--	149	--
REGION VI	42,327	1,911	2,001	6,709	8,658	10,237	2,223	7,775	592
Dodge	986	75	98	54	153	239	157	164	40
Douglas	39,348	1,776	1,811	6,421	8,215	9,600	1,931	6,893	486
Sarpy	1,374	44	46	207	229	320	81	402	45
Washington	382	16	46	25	61	78	54	81	21
Reg. Office VI	235	--	--	--	--	--	--	235	--
State Ward	788	--	--	125	--	247	360	--	56
No Legal Settlement	18	--	--	--	--	--	18	--	--
Beatrice State Home	244	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	244

1/ Figures may not add due to averaging.

2/ Number of cases does not reflect number of persons. One case may include a recipient and any essential persons. Due to rounding figures added may not equal totals.

3/ This figure is a seven-month average.

4/ This total includes ADC-Regular, ADC-UF and Foster Care cases.

5/ These figures are for July 1975.

6/ These figures are for June 1975.

PUBLIC WELFARE LEGISLATION - FISCAL YEAR 1974 - 1975

A number of U. S. Supreme Court decisions have had an impact on Federal and State Welfare Administration. A more prominent one resulted in the repeal of "durational residency" requirements of various states. No longer can there be a "waiting period" for residency in welfare eligibility.

Another decision of major impact was the mandate that no welfare payments can be terminated and reduced until the recipient is afforded the opportunity for a fair hearing.

Legislation passed by the Eighty-Fourth Legislative, First Session regarding Public Welfare Administration:

- LB-20- Related to abuse of minor children and incompetent or disabled persons by providing for protection of such neglected persons and reporting of abuse and neglect.
- LB-83- Provided for full and equal access to housing accommodations by blind, visually handicapped, and physically disabled persons.
- LB-224- Relates to adoptions and provides procedures for paternity claims, including judicial hearings.
- LB-239- Provides for granting subrogation rights to County Divisions of Public Welfare and the Department of Public Welfare.
- LB-240- Eliminates minimum age requirements for determination of eligibility for certain assistance and provides for the determination of paternity and child support enforcement in certain welfare cases.
- LB-397- Relates to ADC and the inclusion of unborn children as dependent children for the determination of assistance benefits.

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
REPORT ON APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1975**

Number of Appeals:	TOTAL	AABD	ADC	MA	FS	SS
Pending from preceding period	41	9	26	2	4	--
Received during period	1,386	196	892	117	173	8
Disposed of during period	1,346	195	865	115	170	1
Pending at end of period	81	10	53	4	7	7
Agency Action Appealed:						
Denial of application	274	47	151	41	34	1
Delay in determining eligibility	163	29	114	8	12	--
Discontinuance of assistance	561	81	428	17	35	--
Amount and/or form of payment	255	38	161	47	9	--
Decision to refer for employment or training	5	--	5	--	--	--
Other	88	--	6	2	80	--
Principal Issues in Hearings (disposed of by hearing decisions):						
Need	687	110	442	66	69	--
Requirements	81	18	32	30	1	--
Basic needs	7	4	2	--	1	--
Special needs	74	14	30	30	--	--
Resources	378	69	238	32	39	--
Income of claimant	244	33	175	11	25	--
Income of other family member and/or contributions from relatives	57	4	43	3	7	--
Real or personal property	77	32	20	18	7	--
Composition of assistance group	39	2	31	--	6	--
Not classified	189	21	141	4	23	--
Amount and/or form of payment	3	--	3	--	--	--
Age	7	--	7	--	--	--
Blindness or other disability	38	33	--	5	--	--
Deprivation of parental support or care	115	--	114	--	1	--
Availability of/for employment or training	33	--	31	--	2	--
Delay	4	--	4	--	--	--
Other	87	2	32	4	49	--
Disposition of Appeals:						
Hearing decision	974	145	633	75	121	--
In favor	206	18	150	13	25	--
Not in favor	768	127	483	62	96	--
Other means	372	50	232	40	49	1
In favor	114	15	70	13	16	--
No change	258	35	162	27	33	1

There were 1,386 appeals filed by public assistance recipients and applicants last year resulting from the actions of county welfare offices and boards. Of these, 1,346 were disposed of during the Fiscal Year. Every action, inaction, or failure to act with reasonable promptness is sufficient basis to support an appeal. Grounds include any agency interpretation of policy which directly or indirectly affects the individual.

COUNTY AND MULTI-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

June 30, 1975

COUNTY	DIRECTOR	ADDRESS	COUNTY	DIRECTOR	ADDRESS
Adams	Lawrence L. Morris	Hastings	Keya Paha	Mrs. Josephine See	Ainsworth
Antelope	Mrs. Louise Ruterbories	Neligh	Kimball	Mrs. Dianna Bokelman	Kimball
Arthur	Douglas Cole	Ogallala	Knox	Mrs. Loretta Sandoz	Center
Banner	Mrs. Dianna Bokelman	Kimball	Lancaster	J. G. (Jerry) Lemonds	Lincoln
Blaine	Mrs. Shirley Kennedy	Brewster	Lincoln	Mrs. Esther Bloom	North Platte
Boone	Miss Charlene J. Ludwick	Albion	Logan	Mrs. Judith I. Gewecke	Stapleton
Box Butte	David N. Ashley	Alliance	Loup	Mrs. Lila Goos	Taylor
Boyd	Mrs. Vivian I. Kinzie	Butte	Madison	Mrs. Glennie Miller*	Norfolk
Brown	Mrs. Josephine See	Ainsworth	McPherson	Mrs. Ethel Pinkerton*	Tryon
Buffalo	Mrs. Arlis M. Torrey	Kearney	Merrick	Mrs. Garnet Broom	Central City
Burt	Mrs. Dorothy Moore	Tekamah	Morrill	Miss Kathleen Ruda	Bridgeport
Butler	Mrs. Mildred Schroeder	David City	Nance	Mrs. Merle McCray	Fullerton
Cass	Mrs. Beulah Kildare**	Plattsmouth	Nemaha	Mrs. LaVerne Weers	Auburn
Cedar	Mrs. Wilma Jean Leise	Hartington	Nuckolls	Mrs. Margaret Klawitter	Nelson
Chase	Mrs. Juanita O'Neil	Imperial	Otoe	Mrs. Clara Reimer	Nebraska City
Cherry	Miss Patricia Engel	Valentine	Pawnee	Mrs. Vera Taylor	Pawnee City
Cheyenne	Virgil Knackstedt	Sidney	Perkins	Mrs. Gladys Fitzgerald	Grant
Clay	Miss Addie Storrs	Clay Center	Phelps	Mrs. Jeanene Schwartz	Holdrege
Colfax	Mrs. Evelyn Vanicek	Schuyler	Pierce	Mrs. LaVern Dickinson	Pierce
Cuming	Mrs. Esther Thompson	West Point	Platte	Mrs. Carol Obershaw*	Columbus
Custer	Mrs. Margaret Hall	Broken Bow	Polk	Mrs. Lucile Hohnbaum	Osceola
Dakota	Mrs. Mildred Jorgensen	Dakota City	Red Willow	Mrs. Dorleen Ward	McCook
Dawes	Mrs. Phyllis Brown	Chadron	Richardson	Deryl Reed	Falls City
Dawson	Mrs. Mary Karges	Lexington	Rock	Mrs. Frances Nelson	Bassett
Deuel	Mrs. Laura A. Terry	Chappell	Saline	Robert Shestak	Wilber
Dixon	Mrs. Doris Anderson	Ponca	Sarpy	Harvey Shoberg	Papillion
Dodge	Mrs. Clara Gramlich	Fremont	Saunders	Mrs. Leone Liliedahl	Wahoo
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